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Dear MEL,

Enclosed find the latest from the American Labor Beacon publication of the so-called US Labor Party. It is being circulated to IBT locals and affliates and is being used by certain officers presently. Along with its basic USLP conspiracy theory in which English bankers, the Ayatollah, Kennedy, the FBI, and Castro teamed up to form TDU. It contains a number of falsehoods in its specifics. It claims political affliations for many TDU members and other persons and most seem to be false. It presents a "membership list" which was compiled by reading a number of Convoy Dispatch and listing the names which appear in them and throws in a number of imaginary ones as well. It does something similar with local officers and many are lies. It has a long list of foundations mostly unknown to us. Its attacks on other unions or their members are also off the mark.

In addition to the countless falsehoods of this sort, its basic premise and claims are distortions and lies to fit the conspiracy theories of Lyndon LaRouche. It seems USLP literature is cropping up all over right now prior to the IBT Convention and we will have to be aware of it and deal with it, but not be thrown off the track by it. The article in CD #14 should help in this regard.

The two most recent examples of the use of this material came in this weekend. Doug Allan informed us that the American Labor Beacon was found in each chair at his regular monthly meeting just yesterday. (In addtion to this news, you should know that they passed all seven of the resolutions.) The chief officer said that he had no idea how the material got there. In Pittsburgh at some meeting, Mel Packer reported that the head of the Joint Council would some document around in the air implying that it was the definitive expose on TDU. We presume that what we are sending you, the "Intelligence Report", is what he was referring to.

Keep us posted on any information you have on the use of such literature.

Yours truly,

Carole Paff

Carole Paff

May 11, 1981

To My Fellow Brother & Sister Joint Council 40 Delegates:

At the Joint Council meeting on April 15th, President James Beros had a leaflet passed out titled "The Dissidents", reprinted from the American Labor Beacon. It concerned Teamsters for a Democratic Union, of which I am a member. After Mr. Beros spoke I raised my hand wishing to be given the floor to explain to the delegates who puts this literature out. Mr. Beros failed to recognize me. The reason for this letter is to explain to you that which I was not given the chance to explain at the meeting.

The American Labor Beacon is put out by the U.S. Labor Party. Listed below are some things I think you should know about them:

*As far back as 1974, Steel Labor (the official publication of the United Steel Workers) stated that the AFL-CIO issued a warning about the U.S. Labor Party and their fronts. The article stated that the Washington Post ran a background investigation and termed them a religious-like political cult. The last sentence in the article said that the U.S. Labor Party is a dangerous organization and must be guarded against.

*On January 28th, 1981 the AFL-CIO sent a letter to all its affiliates to advise them that a publication calling itself The American Labor Beacon has no connection with the labor movement and should be ignored.

*An article by Mike Royko, a Chicago-based syndicated columnist, was printed in the Chicago Sun-Times on February 7th and 10th. He stated that "the U.S. Labor Party is just about the looniest wide-eyed political group in the country. Their paranoid political philosophy consists of forming at the lips and accusing everyone in sight of being engaged in devilish conspiracies against them."

*AND MOST IMPORTANT: At its January, 1978 meeting the International Teamster General Executive Board unanimously adopted a resolution disclaiming any association by the Teamsters with the U.S. Labor Party, noting that "the U.S. Labor Party is not in harmony with the aims and goals of the U.S. labor movement." The resolution also noted that the Teamsters Union is in no way involved in the publicationsof the U.S. Labor Party.

Taking into consideration the above information, and all the untruths in the American Labor Beacon, it is my opinion that the officers of our Union should not be involved in the distribution of this literature. Further, it appears to me that distribution of libelous USLP literature by elected Teamster officers may very well leave such officers open to internal union charges and/or endanger the treasuries of our Locals and Joint Council.

If they continue to be a part of this smear campaign, they raise the question in my mind, "What are they afraid of?" I hope this has raised questions in your mind, also. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Fraternally,

Charlie Brown

Charlie Brown, Trustee #585

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TO THE PRESIDENTS OF AFL-CIO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL UNIONS
AND PRINCIPLE OFFICERS OF STATE AND LOCAL CENTRAL BODIES

"American Labor Beacon" Advisory

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The AFL-CIO and the International Labor Press Association have received a number of inquiries about a publication calling itself the "American Labor Beacon." We have been informed that local unions have received telephone and mail solicitations pressuring them to buy subscriptions of the publication to distribute to their members.

Please be advised that this publication is neither issued by nor endorsed by the AFL-CIO or any of its affiliates or support groups. Based on its policies and other activities in which its editorial staff is engaged, cooperation with this publication or the purchase of subscriptions should be discouraged.

The "American Labor Beacon" is edited by Larry Sherman who also signed a solicitation for contributions to a so-called "Committee Against Brilab and Abscam." The committee is promoted heavily in the publication.

In his letter advising AFL-CIO affiliates that the federation does not support these activities, Lane Kirkland said:

"...the labor movement learned in the 1930's and 1950's there are always ad hoc groups that spring up around such issues organized by individuals whose long-term interests are incompatible with those of the trade unions. Based on that experience, the federation's policy is not to join or to contribute to such groups, but to work only with individuals and organizations who have proved themselves over the long term."

In addition, the publication appears to closely follow the policy positions taken by the so-called U.S. Labor Party. The related "Brilab/Adscam" materials contain a lengthy quote from Lyndon H. LaRouche, who has been identified as the party leader.

In the light of the intensive solicitations being conducted by the "American Labor Beacon," you may wish to advise your affiliates of the AFL-CIO and ILPA positions.

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Sincerely and fraternally,

James M. Cesnik

INTERNATIONAL LABOR PRESS ASSOCIATION

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Teamsters Upset Austerity Plan

FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE IBT:

In the weeks before negotiations began for our national contract, the International Brootherhood of Teamsters won some historic election victories. I am issuing this leaflet now to ensure that each IBT member and official in Michigan learns the lesson of these victories during this contract negotiation period.

In seven IBT local elections around the country, covering over 70,000 members, the local leadership succeeded in crushing TDU-PROD subversion by using the method of the U.S. Labor Party. The most famous of these cases is Local #282 in New York City - whose leadership had been attacked on national network news, on CBS' 60 Minutes, and throughout the New York City press. Despite all the media attacks and predictions, President Cody and his slate beat PROD-darling Ted Katsaros by a healthy margin - a victory which the union leadership publicly credited to the U.S. Labor Party's assistance.

This "Labor Party Method" is simple and direct. In these seven locals, the IBT officials provided their stewards and members with the facts on TDU-PROD's personnel and funding connections to the Kennedy machine and the Zionist Lobby. These connections I have summarized before. In printed pamphlets, and in briefings at membership meetings, the enemy names were named. Once most local members knew the facts on who was funding TDU-PROD, and why these British/Zionist/ Kennedy networks hate the Teamsters, the battle was won.

These victories have two important results. One is immediately obvious; the second is deeper but an equally important lesson.

Alfred "Genghis" Kahn and his cronies in the Administration, including the Kennedy crowd, were counting on TDU-PROD victories to soften up the IBT leadership before the negotiation of the new master freight contract. Dissident election victories were to be the excuse for a huge press blitz against national Teamster officials. Meanwhile, Kahn and Kennedy were (and are) using the insane "deregulation" threat to frighten the trucking industry into hammering the Teamsters from their side of the bargaining table.

This squeeze was to have forced the IBT to accept the "7% Solution" - and guarantee a collapse in American labor's standard of living. The victory of the "Labor Party Method" has screwed up these plans - bad news for the Administration's suicidal anti-inflation program, but good news for the country.

It's not an accident that Kahn earned his "credentials" deregulating the airlines, nor that his pro-austerity buddies are the ones pushing trucking industry deregulation. Deregulation will destroy the capital-intensity and safety standards of the transportation industry as surely as the anti-inflation program will throw the whole economy into a downward spiralling depression.

If this victory is followed through, the IBT can bury the pro-depression crowd in Washington around Kahn, Blumenthal and Kennedy. What the American economy needs is high wages for labor, coupled with high rates of advanced technology investment to gear up our industry. Only this way can American industry feed the capital goods markets now being created by the new European Monetary System.

For the past 3 years in Local #299, I have stood for a method of fighting which is now decisively proven correct. This fact must now guide the IBT to victory in the master freight negotiations.

These election results prove that the "silent majority" of Teamsters will get up on their hind legs and fight when their leadership gives them the weapons. Everyone knows that the U.S. Labor Party has published detailed pamphlets covering the TDU-PROD plot, the Kennedy machine, the deregulation conspiracy. When these materials are put into the hands of the Teamsters' membership, we become the union we were meant to be.

Increasing numbers of prominent IBT officials in Michigan have grasped this point. Now you must understand it. Then we will have earned not only a decent contract, but the thanks of our countrymen for upsetting the Kennedy crowd's depression drive.

Fraternally,

Joseph Spaniolo

Joe Spaniolo
IBT Local #299

Albert Kahn, Werner Blumenthal, Milton Friedman and other admirers of British Opium trader Adam Smith claim that inflation and depression stem from deviations from some magically determined level of growth in an economy's money supply. Mostly, this crowd proposes that money to raise living standards or credit to expand industry is inflationary!

Alexander Hamilton and our nation's Founding Fathers fought a revolution against Adam Smith's economic policies. They knew that the purpose of a credit system is to ensure that funds are available to employ a nation's labor force in the highest technology levels possible, to ensure the development and application of new technologies and to provide the material and educational means for the next generation to prepare itself for tomorrow's levels of technological employment.

As long as the "money supply" is absorbed in these kinds of investments, there will tend to be deflation, as society gains the technological power to produce goods more cheaply.

However, if employment and investment do not flow into these areas, but into paper-shuffling bureaucracies or labor-intensive areas, (as the U.S. has experienced since 1958), a nation will have inflation - no matter what the "money supply" is, and no matter how successfully "Genghis" Kahn slashes wages.

When this happens, when money is not going into producing more wealth but more money, a chain reaction in the economy develops. High interest rates, money chasing mere money gains, high raw materials prices to pay off debts to banks and in turn corporations raising prices to cover this high interest; high basic materials prices rise and on and on. This happens when credit, lots of credit, does not go into producing basic wealth (increases in living standards) but into chasing and making more paper.

Inflation can only be solved by orienting America's investment policy to modern technology and high living standards. This is what the European Monetary System is about, and why the U.S. must join - no matter how badly Kahn and Kennedy want to wreck our economy.

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Hobbs Act Revision Anti-Labor's Top Priority

Although the Criminal Code Reform Act met a timely death in the lameduck session of the past Congress, the attempts to amend the Hobbs Act remain alive.

Under the amendments to the Act, anti-labor groups envision that union organizing drives will be hamstrung because picket line activity would be interpreted as extortion.

The Right to Work Committee, Business Roundtable, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and other anti-labor organizations, hope to catch labor napping on the Hobbs Act revision. While labor is concentrating on defending Davis-Bacon, minimum wage and OSHA, they think the Hobbs Act amendments can slip through Congress with little fanfare.

The Hobbs Act revision is the top priority piece of legislation of every anti-union organization in the country! It stands higher on legislative lists than repeal of Davis-Bacon, minimum wage "reform", repeal of OSHA, and other more publicized pet issues of the radical right wing fringe.

Senator Hatch:
"Hobbs Act Must be Amended"

Senator Orrin Hatch, new Chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, stated in an interview in *Engineering News Digest* magazine that, "the provision (for Hobbs Act revision) we had in the Senate Criminal Code Bill . . . was the lightest of all acceptable provisions."

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Demands Escalate for Volcker's Resignation

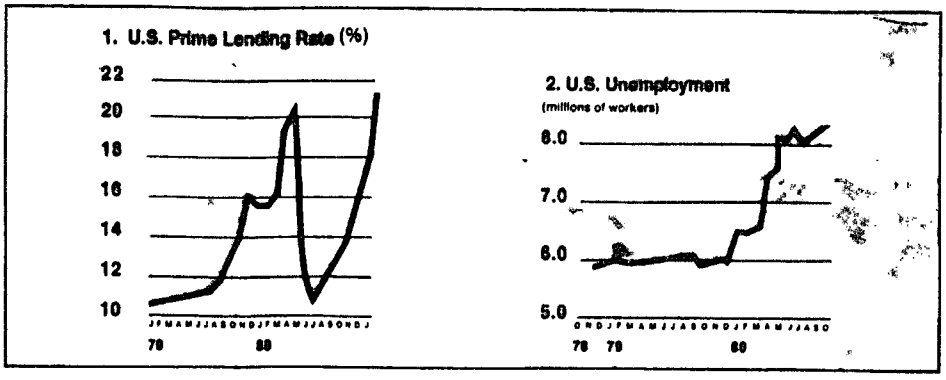
At a press conference concluding a week-long working session of the United Autoworkers Executive Board, U.A.W. President Doug Fraser called for Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker's resignation and urged that he be replaced by someone "with economic sanity".

Fraser's voice joins a mounting chorus of elected officials, other union, farm, and industry leaders demanding the ouster of Volcker and a redirection of economic policies.

The effects of the Volcker policy are reflected in inflation rates soaring from 12% to 20%, a decline in workman's compensation by 10%, a 50% drop in auto and construction, and an overall decline in industrial production by 8%.

To buy an average house, a worker would pay $200,000 in interest for a 30-year mortgage period. An $8,000 car would cost $3,000 in interest over four years.

The recent lameduck session of Congress produced a full-scale debate on the devastation of the economy by escalating interest rates.



Congressional Debate

Deputy Democratic Whip, Arkansas Congressman Bill Alexander, attacked the "criminally high interest

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KGB-Castro Give "Dissidents" Support

International Socialists Smear U.S. Labor Leader

What would you do if a militant Iranian "student" or a communist agitator from an International Socialist organization were to attack Labor's representative on President-elect Reagan's transition team? Well, exactly that happened last month when Ken Paff, masquerading as a Teamster dissident attacked Teamster International Vice President Jackie Presser as a "spokesman for millionaires and organized crime. . ."

Presser, a nationally recognized and respected labor leader, was appointed last month as a "senior advisor" on labor and economic policy to Reagan's transition team.

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"Rat of the Month"

MEL WEINBERG — BOUNTY HUNTER FOR THE FBI

Abscam, the Justice Department's year-long "sting" operation, has ruined or tarnished the careers of seven U.S. Congressmen and one Senator. Almost to a man, the political officials ensnared in the Abscam net are part of a congressional political network that has made it its business to deliver pro-labor legislation and watch out for the interests of the organized labor movement. The most prominent examples are men like Senator Harrison Williams, the former Chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee; Representative Frank Thompson, the former Chairman of the Labor-Management Subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee; Representative Michael Myers, a former member of the House Education and Labor, Labor Standards and Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committees; Ray Lederer, on the House Ways and Means Committee with a solid pro-labor voting record; Representative John Murphy, former Chairman of the House Merchant Marine Subcommittee, with a solid pro-labor voting record; and John Jenrette, a Representative from South Carolina's 6th District, on the House Appropriations Committee and an opponent of trucking deregulation. In less than one year, a group of labor's staunchest allies has been virtually wiped out.

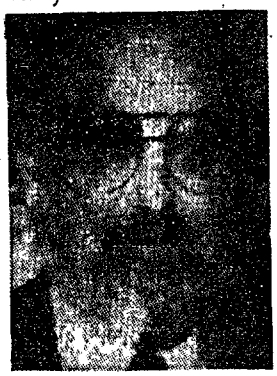
The man who made all of this possible is a 56-year-old con man named Melvin P. Weinberg.

Who is Mel Weinberg?

Mel Weinberg is a bounty hunter. A con man for 25 years, Weinberg made an estimated $10 million during his con man career by cheating and lying to people who placed their trust in him. Weinberg has collaborated with the FBI for 15 years, and was the chief undercover operative in the Bureau's Abscam "stings".

Weinberg was always a swindler, but the FBI made him a bounty hunter. The FBI and Department of Justice made Weinberg's swindling activity a political asset, gave him media coverage, money, and created the biggest political scandal since Watergate.

Weinberg began working actively for the FBI when he was caught in a swindle. Weinberg had been in previous trouble because of a phony certificates of deposit scheme, and had been in touch with FBI Special Agent Bill Roselli since 1965. He began his active "sting" services in early 1978.



Mel Weinberg: "I ain't got a pot to piss in."

In February 1977, Weinberg was indicted in a so-called "front-end" scheme for swindling $200,000 from a group of investors in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which included singer Wayne Newton. The scheme involved passing off Weinberg's mistress, a cleaning woman from Scarsdale, New York, as a noble Englishwoman looking to invest money into a phony entity called London Investors Limited. Weinberg bilked front money to handle the processing of preliminary paper work and then failed to deliver on the promised investment. Convicted in U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh in December, 1977, Weinberg and his mistress, Evelyn Knight, were each sentenced to a three-year jail term.

FBI's "Special Employee"

At this point Weinberg began working for the FBI. In exchange for three years probation for Knight and himself, Weinberg agreed to "make" four cases for the FBI in exchange for cash bonuses and a regular monthly salary of $1,000. In addition, Weinberg was allowed to keep the $200,000 that he had bilked from investors in Pittsburgh, tax free. Weinberg now enjoyed the status of FBI Special Employee.

Money Talks...

In the two years he worked for FBI, Weinberg made an estimated $491,000 tax free. FBI Director William Webster makes $60,000 a year before taxes. The average Congressman who Weinberg set up for "stings" made $57,500.

Each time Weinberg successfully carried out a bribe, he was rewarded. In June 1979, for example, he received a $15,000 bonus for bribing Camden, New Jersey Mayor Angelo Errichetti. In October 1978 he received $10,000 for setting up a "buy-bust" involving securities from the International Bank and Trust of London. (The victims of this scam brought a $17 million civil action, demanding that the government honor obligations that Weinberg made while running his sting.)

While working for the FBI, Weinberg was also running his own private swindles. This netted him another estimated $100,000. According to testimony in Philadelphia, Weinberg lied to the FBI about his "other" activity while working for them and the FBI never pursued the issue.

As Abscam began to pick up steam, Weinberg was getting $3,000 a month, and for a brief period received $5,000 a month.

When Abscam ended, Weinberg moved from his Long Island, New York home to Florida. The FBI gave him $10,000 for moving expenses.

NEXT ISSUE: The Rat of the Month will be Charles Allan, convicted drug trafficker specializing in framing-up union officials.

In the year-end issue of ***People Magazine*** *Mel Weinberg is quoted as saying, "I ain't got a pot to piss in."*

...Compared to What

WEINBERG'S ABSCAM EARNINGS

ITEM	
1977 scam proceeds not repaid	$200,000
May, 1978 through February 1979, $1,000/month	8,000
October, 1978, bonus	10,000
October 24, 1978, bonus	5,000
December, 1978, bonus	5,000
March, 1979 through January, 1980, $3,000/month	33,000
April, 1979, bonus	5,000
June 15, 1979, bonus	15,000
Insurance company reward	30,000
Book advance	60,000
Private scams	100,000
Moving expenses	10,000
Total Earnings — Tax Free	$491,000

POSITION	SALARY
U.S. President	$200,000
House of Representatives	57,500
Senator	57,500
Supreme Court Justice	75,000
Associate Justice	72,000
Michigan Governor	58,000
Vice President	75,000
Cabinet	66,000

FULLAM OVERTURNS TWO ABSCAM CONVICTIONS ON ENTRAPMENT GROUNDS

A politician in local, state or federal office who is dedicated to bringing economic development projects into his district may become a target for government "sting" operations. This is the message that emerges loud and clear in the decision by Philadelphia U.S. District Court Judge John P. Fullam in overturning the Abscam convictions of Philadelphia's ex-City Council President George X. Schwartz and City Councilman Henry P. Jannotti.

According to Judge Fullam, the Justice Department's Abscam operation in Philadelphia engaged in entrapment and overreached its jurisdiction in due process violations in order to convict Schwartz and Jannotti. Fullam found that as a matter of law, the government had entrapped Schwartz and Jannotti, as neither was predisposed to commit any crime. Alternatively, Fullam acquitted Schwartz and Jannotti because the government had artificially created circumstances that would mandate federal jurisdiction and overreached its authority in such a way as to violate fundamental fairness principles.

Weinberg Goes to Philly

The Philadelphia Abscam operations were about to be terminated when Peter F. Vaira, the U.S. Attorney in Philadelphia (who made his reputation attacking the Teamsters' Union in Chicago for "organized crime ties" before he came to Philadelphia) asked for authority to begin an Abscam investigation in Philadelphia and then received special permission to continue the operation for ten more days. Presumably, Vaira, a well-known political enemy of Philadelphia's ex-Mayor Frank Rizzo, had some targets in mind when he asked for the special extension. Within those ten days, Vaira and the Organized Crime Strike Force made their cases against Schwartz and Jannotti.

> ***"Neither Schwartz nor Jannotti asked for money; both made it clear that no payments were necessary; the idea of paying money originated with the agents; and it was the agents who insisted that unless the payments were accepted, their principals would be unwilling to proceed with the project in Philadelphia."***
>
> — Judge Fullam

Abscam moved into Philadelphia in January, 1980. The pretext was that the FBI's sheik had decided to build a $150 million hotel project in Philadelphia and was additionally interested in possible longer-term investments to develop Pennsylvania's coal industry and expand Philadelphia's port facilities. With this lie, Mel Weinberg got Howard Criden, who was already involved in Abscam operations, to start the ball rolling to trap local politicians in Philadelphia.

Judge John P. Fullam

What is perhaps most significant about the Philadelphia aspect of Abscam is that the public is getting a clear view of the government's tactics in all the Abscam operations. Fullam at no time challenges the government's evidence that money changed hands

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Editorial

VOLCKER MUST GO!

Looking back at November's election, it is clear that the American population's rejection of President Carter was based primarily on a total dissatisfaction with the economic policies of his administration.

The "misery index", the combined figures for unemployment and inflation, made famous by Carter in the 1976 election, was too much for the American citizen to bear.

The resulting landslide mandate for a change in the direction of economic policy has obviously not penetrated the walls of the Federal Reserve.

Paul Volcker, Chairman of the Federal Reserve, is reading the election returns and acting like they were a vote of confidence for his policies. Since the election he has raised interest rates higher than they were prior to the election.

LIVING STANDARDS MUST DECLINE

Volcker stated before Congress in October 1979, that **"the American living standard must decline."**

What Volcker seems determined to do in pursuit of his goal of "declining living standards", is to bring the economy into a depression worse than the 1930's.

Today, an average trade union family would pay over $200,000 interest on a $70,000 home on a 30-year mortgage at 16%. An $8,000 automobile would cost $3,000 in interest payments alone over four years.

Commentaries proliferate about the decline of the American family. The question that is posed is: "Can an average American get married and raise a family under these economic conditions?" The answer is clear.

The effects of Volcker's policies are not just felt by the individual worker. The very existence of the trade union movement is threatened by the continuation of these policies.

SOFTENING LABOR UP FOR THE KILL

Volcker is like the artillary commander softening up the union movement and making it vulnerable for the kill.

The toll of the initial assault over the past year has been the following:

- A more than 8% decline in industrial production.
- A 50% decline in auto and construction.
- Countless numbers of workers throwing union cards away and taking lower paid non-union jobs.

The final stage of this operation involves various plans to "mop up" the trade union movement.

All these plans have high sounding goals and are designed to bamboozle the public into thinking that they are the way out of the current economic crisis.

"UNION-FREE ENVIRONMENT"

The underlying goal not named in the supportive editorials in the daily newspapers is very clear. Private conversations among the Business Roundtable, the National Right to Work Committee, the Associated Builders and Contractors and their think-tank, the Heritage Foundation, the goal is stated in clear English — to create "a union-free environment". The examples abound:

Elimination of Davis-Bacon — Not only through direct legislative assault, but also through loopholes in other legislation, like the Synfuels Program. The latest grants given out by the Synfuels Board have 50% of that money going to projects without Davis-Bacon protection.

John Reed, an official of the anti-union Associated Builders and Contractors, has acknowledged that his organization *backs* the Volcker measures. Reed served on the Heritage Foundation's labor task force which presented a policy brief for the Reagan transition team. The ABC is counting on high interest rates to force the Department of Labor to recalculate the prevailing wage rates downward.

Urban Free Enterprise Zones — The so-called plan to "revitalize" our urban centers. This program is explicitly based on a "union-free environment" and modeled on the sweatshop-based economy of Hong Kong.

Minimum Wage Differential — The *New York Times* and other dailies are beating the drum in support of this idea to give minorities "job opportunities". It makes one recall that the *Times* was a supporter of the plantation system in the 1850's.

The reality of this program would be to use minorities and the unemployed as a battering ram against union labor, lowering wage levels for all workers.

Expansion of the Hobbs Act — The number one priority for most anti-labor organizations. This would virtually eliminate the right to organize. Union activity would be interpreted as extortion. Under this amendment, union officials could be tried as felons in federal court for putting up a picket line.

These policies and programs only get support in a period of economic crisis. If the depression policies are turned around and the basis laid for real economic growth and prosperity, the trade union movement will not only survive, but flourish.

The first salvo in labor's counter offensive must be the demand for Volcker's resignation and the establishment of a sane credit policy to get the economy moving again.

ALL THE HALF-TRUTHS FIT TO PRINT

In two recent editorials, the *New York Times* called for an end to the minimum wage and demanded that United Autoworkers take major pay cuts so their incomes would be "more in line" with general pay scales in the United States.

After reading these editorials, the editors of the *Beacon* decided to research the *Times* editorial policy throughout its history to see if these recent editorials were aberrations or whether the *Times'* reputation for "liberalism" was only paper deep.

The answer did not take too long to find.

The *Times*, from its inception, has been a supporter of the Plantation System.

In the 1850's the *Times* was a vigorous defender of the Supreme Court's Dred Scott decision, which allowed slavery to expand to the border states.

"I got my job through the N.Y. Times"

During the Civil War, two of its correspondents were charged with being Confederate spies.

After the Civil War the *Times* was accused of treason by Lincoln's Secretary of the Navy.

During Reconstruction, as they do today, the *Times* called for the re-establishment of the Plantation System, supporting "free trade" and States Rights.

Today, when members of the labor movement read the *Times'* attacks on the standard of living of the working man, he should be reminded that if the *Times* had its way, chattel slavery would still be the law of the land.

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SIXTY MINUTES REVISITED

On March 17, 1980, Federal Court Judge Robert Tokasugi, dismissed charges against the Teamsters Union brought by the Organized Crime Strike Force.

The charges grew out of an IBT organizing drive in California, where workers in a trucking company voted to recognize the union and the owner's of the company refused to bargain.

Subsequently, picket lines were thrown up around the company, which led to altercations between management and the union.

In throwing out the charges, the Judge upheld the Supreme Court's decision, which states that the Hobbs Act (federal extortion laws) does not apply to regular union organizing activity.

On November 2, 1980, *Sixty Minutes*, the number one rated TV show, "covered" this story. They entitled the segment "Teamster Violence". The title alone gives you a clue about what standpoint *Sixty Minutes* was going to take in its coverage.

The bulk of the spot was made up of interviews with the "poor, besieged management" and the very unhappy Organized Crime Strike Force.

The Supreme Court's ruling which was the basis for Judge Tokasagi's ruling was never mentioned.

What was not only mentioned but blatantly hyped by Mike Wallace, were the attempts to amend the Hobbs Act in the U.S. Congress.

In fact, the whole point of the story was to create the climate and pressure for the Congress to amend the Hobbs Act to include union organizing.

It seems that CBS and *Sixty Minutes*, who jealously guard their own "first amendment" rights, and see no problem with pornography and degeneracy on TV, are not only willing but anxious to do away with constitutional protection for union organizing campaigns

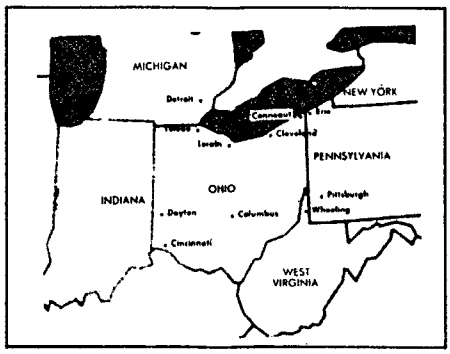
Volcker Kills Ohio Steel Plant

A $4 billion, fully-integrated modern steel plant and rolling mill slated for construction in Conneaut, Ohio has been cancelled — a victim of high interest rate policies imposed on the U.S. economy by Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker.

The high interest rates have severely depressed steel-consuming industries, and have sent steel sales plummeting.

U.S. Steel, which spent more than four years fulfilling preliminary requirements for construction, now says it "will not build Conneaut because we don't have the cash flow."

The plant, with a slated capacity of 3.5 to 4 million tons could revive the economies of both Ohio and Pennsylvania. It would have represented the most modern combination of technology in America, giving the American steel industry some of the



competitive advantages that the Japanese now enjoy.

U.S. Steel — Non-Competitive

There have been no "greenfield" steel plants built in the U.S. since World War II. The U.S. steel industry is currently saddled with outdated plants and equipment which render it uncompetitive with Europe and Japan.

The Conneaut plant would have employed 3,000 to 5,000 new steel workers. Another 1,000 to 3,000 workers would be required to mine coal, iron ore and ship and handle the raw materials. Thousands more would have been used in construction of the facility.

Conneaut sits on the Ohio-Pennsylvania border and is only 70 miles from upstate New York. The proposed plant would have re-employed workers in this hard-hit area and would have been a centerpiece for reindustrializing the whole region.

BEACON SPECIAL REPORT

Synfuel Program: What is the Labor Policy?

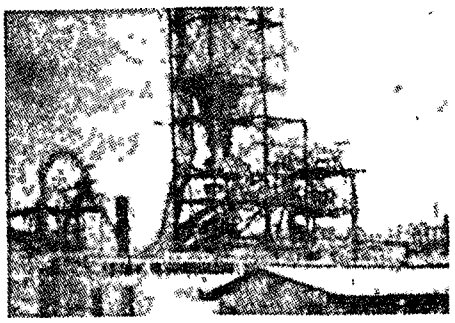
An article in the last issue of the ***Beacon*** *described a possible Davis-Bacon loophole in the current synfuels program.*

After discussing this problem with labor leaders across the country, the editors felt that a more in-depth look at synfuels was required. What follows in the product of that discussion.

An 800-million-dollar coal gasification plant is now under construction in southeast Illinois by Shell Oil Company. It is being built with nonunion labor. Gulf Oil, Occidental Petroleum, and Exxon have all announced plans for billions of dollars in construction of synthetic fuel facilities. All plan to use nonunion contractors.

According to spokesmen for the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), the anti-union open shop contractors association, the vast majority of the projects under the newly created Synthetic Fuel Corporation will be built with nonunion labor. They say that there is a loophole "big enough to drive a truck through" in the Energy Security Act of 1980, which created the corporation and authorized $20 billion in funding.

Section 175(b) of the act specifies which categories of projects will come under the Davis-Bacon Act, the law which guarantees the payment of prevailing — in most cases union-scale — wages on all federally funded construction projects. Projects funded by the Corporation through loans, loan guarantees, or in joint ventures are covered by Davis-Bacon. But if the Corporation sets up a price-support agreement — which guarantees a certain market price for a synfuel product — or if the Corporation enters a purchase agreement — by which it contracts to purchase a certain specified amount of a synfuel product — Davis-Bacon does not apply.



Coal liquefaction plant expected to produce fuel at double the price of oil

This has been confirmed by Terry Yellig, a spokesman for the Building Trades Department of the AFL-CIO and by spokesmen for the Synthetic Fuels Corporation itself.

Davis-Bacon Will Apply — Kirkland

Nevertheless, Lane Kirkland, who was imtimately involved in drafting and supporting the synfuel legislation, stated before the Senate Energy Committee on September 24 that Davis-Bacon **"would apply to almost all project of the Corporation."**

According to a spokesman for the corporation, the amount of nonunion labor involved in the program is directly proportional to how high the price of oil rises. The higher the price per barrel, said the spokesman, the more economically attractive a synfuel project becomes. This makes it easier to obtain private financing, making the price-guarantee and purchase-agreement route a workable option. With Davis-Bacon removed as a "hindrance," the whole program will skew heavily toward the open-shop or nonunion contractors.

This analysis is shared by a Senate Banking Committee staffer involved in drafting the legislation. Everyone involved in the program and its planning is banking on major increases in the price of oil, he stated, increases that will push the price well over $40 per barrel in the near term. If there is no price increase, he stated, the synfuel program will not work.

It is the high cost of the synfuel process that demands that projects be built and operated on low, nonunion wages.

Competent Synfuels — Only Union Labor

A competent synthetic fuels program should be based on utilization of high-energy technologies. This requires the construction of high-temperature, gas-cooled nuclear reactors to provide the necessary energy throughput to make synfuels cost efficient.

This program would in turn demand the efficient use of highly skilled construction and other labor, as well as the training of additional workers. It could not be done with nonunion "cheap labor".

Cost of Energy Must Increase

The Senate Banking Committee staffer in fact identified as a major purpose of the program raising the price of energy. "It is a less obvious way to do this," the staffer stated, "but the synfuel program will raise the cost of energy as much as a direct energy tax. This will finally force cuts in consumption."

A spokesman for the corporation

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DID LANE KIRKLAND KNOW...?

- **That in accepting the position of Labor's representative on the Synthetic Fuels Corporation he would be overseeing federal grants for nonunion construction?**
- **When he brought the full weight of the AFL-CIO to bear in lobbying for passage of the synfuels legislation, that his lobbying partners — the oil multi's — had already planned to build without union labor?**
- **That President Carter was in such desperate straits electorally that any promises made for labor support of synfuels legislation would not be kept.**
- **That the legislation he wrote and sponsored opened the door to nonunion labor.**

Urban Free Enterprise Zone — Bringing Hong Kong to the United States

The leading U.S. anti-labor think tank, the Heritage Foundation, has released a "critical issues" pamphlet entitled "Enterprise zones — Pioneering in the Inner City."

The pamphlet is a part of the Heritage Foundation's drive to bring policies to the U.S. which are similar

"Free Enteprise" Hong Kong style

to the union-busting programs of Britain's Thatcher government.

The idea behind the free enterprise zones is to "revitalize" central cities through the creation of "union-free environments".

The central feature of the program, designed by British Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe, would be the elimination of minimum wages, the closed shop, and Davis-Bacon. These measures would allow the establishment of Hong Kong type sweatshops.

All banking regulations would be eliminated, and investment would be encouraged in small, self-contained, labor-intensive "cottage industry". Nonunion community rehabilitation teams would be hired for "upgrading" central city real estate.

A spokesman for the Heritage Foundation made their objectives very clear by stating, **"We are talking about the Hong Kong model and we mean it quite literally. The jobs in Hong Kong may not be great, but at least they are jobs. That is what counts."**

Labor officials have expressed outrage about the idea of union-free environments. They feel that projects like synfuels and urban-free enterprise zones will virtually suck all existing capital markets dry and eliminate investment in union jobs.

Over the years, various anti-labor groups have been chipping away at prevailing wage provisions.

Today, the Synfuels projects are a leading target due to their massive size.

However, the already successful maiming of Davis-Bacon in other areas is forcing building trades unions into major battles to preserve prevailing wages.

AMWAY IS NOT OUR WAY

In Grand Rapids, Michigan, the headquarters of the privately-held multinational corporation, Amway; the Building Trades Council has launched a boycott of Amway.

Despite the depression in the construction industry nationally, construction is booming in Grand Rapids — using nonunion labor.

Through the establishment of an Economic Development Corporation, Amway has been able to use the City of Grand Rapids as collateral (its taxing powers) to get credit, even at the current high interest rates.

Amway then uses this credit for construction projects in Grand Rapids, using nonunion labor "to save on costs of borrowing". Grand Rapids has no prevailing wage ordinance.

This practice has depressed wages throughout the area. Building Trades spokesmen have urged unions nationally to join them in the boycott of the anti-labor Amway Corporation.

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stated that the major oil companies — who will build and operate most of the key projects — have already added up their labor costs and decided that they can't afford union labor. As long as the law provides them with a loophole, they will push for nonunion contracting.

ABC: "Our Big Chance"

All of this has the Associated Builders and Contractors ecstatic. **"For years we've been trying to bust through against the union contractors,"** said an Associated Builders and Contractors lobbyist. **"Now we have been given our big chance and the irony is that the unions lobbied for the bill."**

"The synfuel program has the potential to be the largest single construction project in the history of the country," the ABC spokesman continued. If the second phase of the program is underway in 1984, an additional $68 billion will be made available. From this point on, the synfuel program will hog nearly all capital and resources — both equipment and manpower — available in the construction industry to the exclusion of other projects. The Department of Labor estimates that more than a million additional construction workers will be required to fill the program's manpower needs.

The ABC is now gearing up a multimillion-dollar apprenticeship program to make sure the new workers will be nonunion. ABC spokesmen boast that the net effect of all this will be to drastically lower the wage rates throughout the construction sector, while rendering Davis-Bacon ineffective. Privately, spokesmen for the corporation will agree with this analysis; publicly, they prefer to remain silent on such issues.

But union leaders are already alarmed. Plumbers and Pipefitters President Martin Ward lashed out last month at the oil companies and others for double-crossing them. **"The companies that slapped us on the back when we were lobbying (for the Energy Security Act) beside them, now act as if they don't know us,"** Ward stated recently.

Coming in the Next Beacon:
A competent alternative to synfuels

Labor, Government, Farm, Industry:
"Volcker Must Go!"

House Majority Leader Jim Wright (D-Texas): "The nation's economy has been staggered by high interest rates. . . . With little apparent reason the Federal Reserve Board has deliberately encouraged this upward spiral of interest rates. . . . Completely on their own and without any recourse to peoples' elected representatives in Congress or to the administration, members of the Federal Reserve Board have taken it on themselves to plunge this country into a recession."

James Sasser

Jim Wright

Senator James Sasser (D-Tenn): In a statement signed by *seven other* Senators called the policies of the Federal Reserve "a complete disaster, leading to the financial collapse of homebuilders, auto dealers and small businesses."

Martin Ward — President, United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters: "Eighty-five million man-years of employment opportunity have been forfeited as a result of the economic stagnation caused by the Federal Reserve policies."

Martin Ward

Bill Alexander

Rep. Bill Alexander (D-Ark.): "The voters on Nov. 4 sent a clear and unmistakable message that the economy and inflation are the preeminent concern of most Americans. One of the principal causes of inflation is the criminally high interest rate policy now being imposed by the Federal Reserve. . . . The evidence is becoming overwhelming that inflation is in fact increased, rather than dampened with each new elevation of the federal discount rate."

Marvin Meek — National Chairman, Agriculture Movement: "The crisis in the commodity markets has reached a panic situation. This is a direct result of the Carter agriculture and economic policies, combined with the high interest rates of the Federal Reserve. **Volcker must resign immediately.**"

Marvin Meek

Lee Iaccoca

Lee Iaccoca — Chairman, Chrysler Corporation: In announcing a rebate plan based on the difference between current interest rates and interest rates of 12% "where they should be." "It is *madness* for the Fed to jerk the prime rate from 10% to 20%, to 11% and then back to 21% again."

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rates", and called for the introduction of a "two-tiered" credit system, low interest credit for manufacturing, construction, mining and agriculture, and high interest rates for speculative investment in real estate, money markets, etc.

Paul Volcker

House Majority Leader Jim Wright threw his weight against Volcker in early December in an unusually strong statement declaring, "Members of the Federal Reserve Board have taken it on themselves to plunge this country into a recession."

On the Senate side, eight Senators, led by Sasser of Tennessee, offered a sense of the Senate resolution demanding interest rates be brought down.

Sasser told the Senate that the policies being followed by the Federal Reserve are a complete disaster, leading to the financial collapse of "homebuilders, small business and auto dealers."

Industry, Bankers, Farmers Agree

Lee Iaccoca, whose Chrysler Corporation is facing bankruptcy due to the record collapse of auto sales and increased interest payments on Chrysler's mounting debt termed the Fed's policies "madness".

Iaccoca then proposed a rebate plan which was based on the difference between the current 20% interest rates and 12% interest rates, a drop which must come "on inauguration day".

At the Pueblo, Colorado convention of the American Agriculture Movement, national Chairman Marvin Meek was greeted by a roar of approval by the two thousand delegates in attendance when he stated that **Volcker must go!** Meek warned that farmers could not afford to borrow for spring planting at current interest rates and that fifteen hundred family farmers a month were going bankrupt as a result of a combination of lack of parity prices and high interest rates.

Speaker after speaker at the 88th convention of the U.S. League of Savings and Loan Association told the 3,500 attending delegates that Volcker had failed to stop inflation and had only succeeded in destroying the U.S. housing market.

Labor officials, industrial leaders, regional bankers, and the Nation's farmers all indicate that President-Elect Reagan must declare an "economic emergency", fire Volcker, bring down interest rates, and establish a program to get the economy moving, which will cure inflation and unemployment.

"It Comes With the Territory"

Department of Justice OK's Commission of Crimes

In a statement released December 4 to the public, Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti announced that the FBI now has guidelines for the use of informants which will allow those informants to commit crimes so long as the FBI knows about it in advance and agrees to commission of the crime in writing. This may seem strange to the average individual earning his living in a depressed economy.

For those labor and political officials trapped in the Brilab (Bribery -Labor) and Abscam "sting" operations, and others targetted for prosecution in a series of past and current investigations like Alpha, Unirac, Pendorf, and the "Get Hoffa" campaign, the fact that the FBI allows its informants to commit crimes is not news. In fact, the FBI seems to seek out the most degenerate and untrustworthy type of petty criminal to act as its informants.

What is new is that Attorney General Civiletti has written down the FBI's guidelines and released them. Now the public at large can get a look at what only certain people knew as a result of having been targetted by a petty criminal or con man on the FBI's payroll.

"Some guy posing as a congressman conned him out of $50,000 in Abscam money!"

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The Senate Bill, lobbied against strongly by labor, contained an article where simple picket line violence

All demonstrators at Altamose would have been charged with Federal crimes under new Hobbs Act.

could be prosecuted under federal extortion laws.

Senator Hatch has stated that, **"no union should want to permit any action like extortion, even though I understand why it would want to keep the law intact if it could. I will bring up the legislation myself."**

The legislation Hatch speaks of would overturn the historic Supreme Court *Enmon's* decision which bars prosecution for extortion in the course of legitimate labor disputes.

Informed sources report that Hatch will get unexpected help in his efforts from "rank & file" dissident groups, like TDU, who support revision of the Hobbs Act, and will lobby Congress for its passage.

The major problem facing Hatch is the influence of the Teamsters and certain Building Trades on the Reagan administration. Reagan has made a number of commitments to labor he will be held to, which could upset the plans of the various anti-labor forces.

Committee Against Brilab and Abscam Warns of "Mexscam"

DETROIT, DECEMBER 22.— The Committee Against Brilab and Abscam (CABA), in a statement released to the press, has pointed to the appearance on the political scene of a Mexican scam, or "Mexscam", where FBI agents pose as front men for a wealthy Mexican family and impersonate the relatives of prominent national politicians to gain the confidence of their potential victims.

As with the Abscam case, the "Mexscam" operatives will create paranoia over engaging in legitimate business relationships with Mexico, the CABA statement charges. Since recent major oil finds place Mexican oil reserves on at least par with Saudi Arabia's, movements are already underway to trade this oil and natural gas for American technologies. The appearance of "Mexscam" at this time is calculated to inhibit development of these business relationships, CABA spokesmen claim.

The Committee Against Brilab and Abscam told the *Beacon* that they plan to commit their resources to an investigation of the preliminary reports indicating the existence of a "Mexscam". Sources in Mexico who are competent to check the bona fides of any alleged Mexican investors, have already been developed and the Committee urges anyone with questions about potential business deals to write the Committee at: P.O. Box 1081, Trolley Station, Detroit, Michigan, 48231.

"... It's no use ... they think we're an Abscam operation ...."

Int'l Socialists

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His advice was instrumental in shaping labor's voice in the new administration.

Presser has been the target of media smears over alleged links to organized crime since the mid-sixties campaign by Bobby Kennedy's "Get Hoffa Squad". None of these allegations have ever been proven against Jackie Presser, but the campaign goes on.

Who's Behind the Smears

Ken Paff, a card-carrying member of the International Socialists (IS) since 1968, is a national organizer for the so-called Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU). Under the guise of promoting union democracy, Paff and the other IS members running the TDU, have sponsored attacks on the Teamster leadership since the TDU was created out of the radical left in Berkeley in 1975. The TDU's current plans focus on a disruption of the June, 1981 Teamster conference in Las Vegas.

Paff takes his socialist ideas seriously. It is not surprising, therefore, that the November, 1980 issue of *Labor Notes,* a publication which Paff is affiliated with, parrots the program of the Second (Socialist) International. The Second International recently formulated its "class war" program for the new administration in a conference held in Washington, D.C. (See article on back page.) **Major imput into the conference was made by Georgii Arbatov, the head of Soviet KGB operations for North America. The event itself was endorsed by Cuban Communist Party boss Fidel Castro.**

TDU and Khomeini

This past summer, Paff deployed Pittsburgh TDU member Mel Packer to Iran as part of a delegation of American radic als, to give support to Khomeini and the militants holding the U.S. hostages. This trip was taken despite the U.S. government's banning of travel to Iran.

Paff's organization has openly called for "revolution". *Workers Power,* an openly socialist publication of the IS, states that "IS is an organization of revolutionary socialist workers..." whose purpose is to "...lead the struggle toward socialist revolution."

In their November, 1980 issue, *Labor Notes,* the IS's trade union front publication, virtually calls for immediate riots. It says that because of the new administration, working people have to show "...a willingness to break unjust laws," and that "reactionary legislation will have to be fought by mass direct action, demonstrations, marches and political strikes."

Paff is a socialist. His organization is a mechanism for insinuating socialist and communist ideology into the American labor movement. When Paff denounces Jackie Presser his real motive is to ensure that there is no labor influence on the Reagan administration. Attacking Presser is a vehicle for furthering his goal of confrontation between labor and government in order to "radicalize" the union movement.

So when Paff denounces Presser, consider the source. When the media gives Paff's phony charges wide publicity, then consider who's ax they are grinding.

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between the FBI's Abscam agents and Schwartz and Jannotti. What he objects to is the government's explanation. The government's claim that they proposed the hotel and other economic development projects to see which city officials would ask for payoffs is "completely untenable," says Fullam. In Fullam's own words: "Neither Schwartz nor Jannotti asked for money; both made it clear that no payments were necessary; the idea of paying money originated with the agents; and it was the agents who insisted that unless the payments were accepted, their principals would be unwilling to proceed with the project in Philadelphia."

"The Arab Way of Doing Business"

The government had created a situation where, if the city councilmen wanted economic development projects to come into Philadelphia, they had to accept payments because that was "the Arab way of doing business," Despite repeated efforts by the FBI to get both Schwartz and Jannotti to make statements indicating they were taking a bribe, at no time did either man say anything that would indicate that they thought the deal was other than legitimate. To quote Fullam again: "...They were led to believe that if they didn't accept the money the project would not come to Philadelphia. In the context of the fiscal crises which beset all large cities these days, and in the context of the problems of urban blight and decay, the governmental inducement in this case was indeed calculated to overwhelm...What the government succeeded in proving was, not that the defendants were corrupt city officials, but that, exposed to strong temptations they could be rendered corrupt. In short, the evidence established entrapment as a matter of law."

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Fullam's decision exposes the government's "sting" tactics and shows the built-in abuses which necessarily occur when a government agency is used to carry out political operations. Peter Vaira filed an appeal to Fullam's decision on December 15.

"Get Sheeran" Campaign Escalates with New Indictment

FLASH: According to radio reports monitored on December 26, a Federal judge ordered last year's Local 326 election, where Frank Sheeran was re-elected president, to be re-run. According to these preliminary reports, the judge ordered a new election because a candidate for president had been unduly excluded from running.

Francis J. Sheeran is the president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffers, Warehousemen & Helpers, Local #326, in Wilmington, Delaware. On September 24, 1979, Sheeran was indicted on the basis of statements made by Charlie Allen, a drug trafficker who the FBI recruited into the Federal Witness Protection program. The indictment charged that Sheeran and co-defendant Louis J. Bottone, an ex-president of Teamster Local #107 in Philadelphia, had committed murder, arson, and had embezzeled union funds.

After a three-week trial during February, 1980, Sheeran and Bottone were found not guilty on all counts by a Philadelphia jury.

But that was only the beginning for Frank Sheeran. The Justice Department claims that Frank Sheeran knows something about the 1975 disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa, the former general president of the IBT and a close friend of Sheeran's.

Shades of "Get Hoffa"

The "Get Hoffa" boys in the Department of Justice, who broke every rule in the book in persecuting Jimmy Hoffa, intend to give Frank Sheeran the same treatment.

The Justice Department wants Sheeran because he is a nationally-respected Teamster leader, has fought for the independence of the Teamsters and has resisted Justice Department attacks on the union.

It is not surprising therefore that on December 12, 1980, a two-count indictment was handed down by a New Castle County grand jury in Delaware's Superior Court charging Sheeran with arson and assault, exactly the same offenses that he had been acquitted of by the Philadelphia jury barely ten months earlier. Not only are the same acts being re-tried in the state court indictment, but the witness in the previous trial, Charlie Allan, a man found to be totally uncredible by the Philadelphia jury, will be the state's main witness against Sheeran. But even this is not the entire picture.

On July 14, 1980, Sheeran was indicted along with five others in an eleven-count indictment alleging 62 separate acts of racketeering and mail fraud. The trial is set for January 19, 1981.

A number of questions arise around the Justice Department's attacks on Frank Sheeran. First of all, in the most recent indictment, how is it that a state court can indict Sheeran on charges that he has already been found innocent of by a Philadelphia jury? More disturbing, how is it that a U.S. attorney, having failed to successfully bring a case on a federal level, can then exert influence on state officials to try the exact same offenses, this time in a state jurisdiction?

Is the State of Delaware so corrupt or so anti-labor that its elected and appointed officials, who are supposed to represent all the people, will cooperate with blatantly unconstitutional tactics by a group in the federal bureaucracy that wants to "Get Sheeran"? Apparently, this is the belief of the U.S. Attorney's and Justice Department's police makers who have orchestrated this series of indictment.

The *Beacon* will be following this situation closely and looking behind the scenes to see where the deals have been made to "Get Sheeran" and destroy the Teamster's power in the state.

Rutland Defeats "Dissidents" in IBT 695 Election

Robert Rutland, Secretary-Treasurer of IBT Local 695 in Madison, Wisconsin, was re-elected to his post last month in a close election between the incumbent leadership and challenges from a radical caucus called the United Teamsters. Rutland openly attacked the leader of the United Teamsters, Michael Bertrand, as a communist agitator who had participated in May Day demonstrations in Madison during 1978.

In a leaflet mailed out to all 4,500 members of local 695, Rutland, in the final days of the election campaign, exposed the fact that Bertrand was a mouthpiece for communist and socialist radicals trying to take over union leadership positions. The leaflet contained a picture of Bertrand marching with strikers in the 1977 strike against Madison newspapers.

In another picture on the leaflet, marchers were shown in the 1978 May Day parade under red banners with a hammer and sickle. The leaflet was entitled *Is This What You Want?*, and followed with Rutland's own words' "In the past I've been accused of Red baiting. Well, as Confuscious said, one picture is 10,000 words. Do you recognize the circled individual participating in the 1978 May Day parade? He is the Vice Presidential candidate (Mike Bertrand) on the United Teamsters slate."

TDU leaders after work

Bertrand whined about Rutland's tactics, but when the membership's votes were counted, Rutland had prevailed.

Local 695, with its 4,500 members, is the second largest local in Wisconsin.

SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL MEETS IN WASHINGTON PLANS "RADICALIZATION OF LABOR"

On December 3-7, 1980, the largest international conference ever to take place on U.S. soil was held in the nation's capitol. Over 2,000 socialists from Europe and the U.S. participated in the conference entitled: "Eurosocialism and America: An International Exchange".

The avowed purpose of the conference was to intervene into the internal political affairs of the U.S. The guiding theme of most of the conference presentations was to transform the Democratic Party into a "European Style" socialist party. Secondly, the conference planned a stragety to build an anti-Reagan mobilization in the U.S. and thwart any attempt at

Fidel Castro

Georgii Arbatov
KGB head for North America

potential bipartisan cooperation to defeat specific policies like the Volcker high interest rates.

U.S. Socialism

Anthony Wedgewood Benn, a British Labour Party spokesman, spelled out the conference's main theme. Benn claimed that capitalism has failed because of its excessive dependence on economic growth. He continued describing the need for American labor to return to its "socialist roots". Benn called for the Democratic Party to undergo the same process of "radicalization" that transformed the British Labour Party under the Thatcher government.

Particularly prominent around the conference was Georgii Arbatov, the head of the Soviet Union's USA-Canada Institute. Arbatov's job is to study the U.S. for Soviet intelligence, and head up the KGB's (Soviet Secret Police) operations for North America. Arbatov held a series of meetings with conference leaders and American politicians before and after the conference.

Support from Castro

Moral support was extended to the conference by Cuban Communist Party head Fidel Castro. In a speech before the Cuban Communist Party, Castro called for a united front with the Second International and "class struggle" to fight against new "reactionary" regimes like the Ronald Reagan administration.

"Representing" American labor at the conference was Machinist President William Winpisinger

The same basic theme was echoed by William Winpisinger of the International Association of Machinists. Winpisinger was one of the few representatives from organized labor in the U.S. to attent this gathering of the Socialist International.

The staff of the American Labor Beacon wishes you a happy New Year.

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No to Iranian Extortion...

The *American Labor Beacon* joins with all Americans in welcoming the former hostages home. We are thankful that their personal ordeal is over and we wish them and their families godspeed.

The ordeal for this nation, however, is *not* over. The humiliation that we as a nation suffered at the hands of a barbaric regime, that held and tortured U.S. citizens, that tramples on international law, is not eliminated by the signing of a document turning over billions of dollars to our tormentors.

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... Jail Ramsey Clark for Treason

Attorney General Benjamin Civilletti's last act in office was terminating the Justice Department's investigation of Ramsey Clark's treasonous collaboration with the Khomeini government.

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Donovan Confirmed As Secretary of Labor

After one of the most exhaustive investigations ever undertaken into the business practices of a Cabinet nominee, Raymond Donovan has been confirmed as Secretary of Labor.

The FBI deployed 26 agents, including a number of certified public accountants, who expended over 1,400 manhours interviewing scores of witnesses including five federally protected witnesses, and examined over 90,000 checks dating back to 1965 before Donovan was given a clean bill of health.

The investigation was prompted by charges made by federal witness-for-hire Ralph Picardo. Picardo, a convicted murderer, claimed Donovan paid "kickbacks" to union officials in return for "labor peace."

Donovan's major interrogator in Senate Labor Committee hearings was Senator Edward Kennedy. Kennedy, who was haunted by charges of past criminal misconduct in the recent election campaign, brought Walter Sheridan in as the chief minority investigator. Sheridan is

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Kennedy & Hatch ... Whispering more than sweet nothings.

LID BLOWS ON ABSCAM

A Brooklyn federal courtroom was the scene of spectacular revelations about Justice Department illegalities in carrying out its Abscam operation. Testimony by New Jersey U.S. Attorney Edward J. Plaza, broke open a major split in the Department of Justice which could lead to the overturning of Abscam convictions and a major probe into the government's handling of the Abscam cases.

With little of the fanfare that accompanied the original revelations of the Abscam operation, and over strenuous objections by Thomas Puccio, the Organized Crime Strike Force head of Abscam, Plaza testified that:

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BEACON SPECIAL REPORT

THE DISSIDENTS

*This **Beacon Special Report** gives you an update on where the dissidents are, some of what they are up to, and happily, the response that one union has launched to clean up its "dissidents".*

Labor leaders, since the earliest days of the union movement, have had problems with lone gripers or complainers. But in more recent times, we've seen formerly powerful unions, like the Mineworkers and the USWA racked by problems of well-organized networks of dissidents, toppling whole leaderships from office, rewriting constitutions and bylaws to prevent centralized control over a union's affairs.

Many times, the lone complainer, often with a legitimate grievance, enthusiastically joins in the union "reform" movement. He passes petitions, and votes with the reformers, who always say they are fighting for "union democracy" and against "corrupt" leadership. However, when the dust settles after the process of "reform" the member usually faces a fragmented and weakened union. The primary example is the current state of the UMW.

Questions have been asked about how such a development could take place. How is it, for example, that a group of "reformers", with what appear to be good ideas for giving the rank and file more say in the affairs of its union, actually end up wrecking a union? It's very simple. If you are out to destroy the union movement, as the so-called Right-to-Work organizations have said they are, then you have to recruit people inside the union movement to work with you and dupe others to go along. If the Right-to-Work people have learned anything in their union-busting careers, they know that to attack the union movement head-on means bloody battles that they have lost more than once.

What better way to destroy that union than to recruit someone inside the union itself and tell him the leadership, which he elected, "stinks", and that they are responsible for his union dues increase, his lack of portable pension, and that the last contract sold out the rank and file. Looking at the "reform" movement from this standpoint, it is not surprising to find the Right-to-Work groups working directly and indirectly with so-called union dissidents like PROD/TDU. PROD and TDU is a caucus inside the Teamsters run by a revolutionary socialist organization called the International Socialists. The so-called left and so-called right join forces when it comes to destroying free and independent trade unions in the United States.

The question still remains, how do these things work?

The Socialists and the odd complainers and gripers in the union together don't make up enough votes to throw a union leader out of office. Where does this so-called "union democracy" movement that the socialists hide behind get it's money to support its dissident campaign? The USWA has proven in a lawsuit that Wall Street Foundations, certainly no friend of organized labor, have funneled millions to the dissidents.

The union movement as a whole since the early 50's, but increasingly in the 60's and massively in the 70's, has been smeared in the press for alleged corruption, links to organized crime, pension, health and welfare fund mismanagement and assorted other (alleged) crimes. In addition, the Justice Department has become a combined spy network and law enforcement arm of the political forces in the country who want to break the back of labor. If we look at the socialist-run dissidents, we find that they are part of that spy network inside the union movement, and that they are among the main sources for media slanders against labor.

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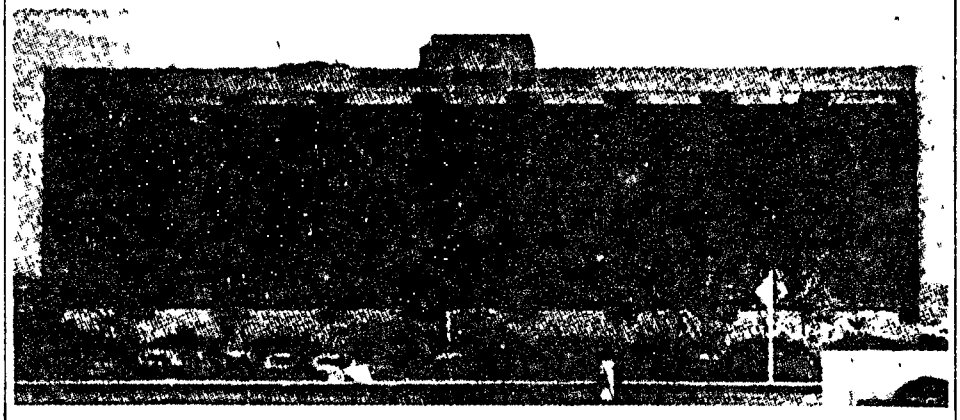

Prudential-financed Right to Work Headquarters and Dissidents

Editorial

Labor's Agenda for the 80's

Two recent Washington, D.C. conferences and the release of a Presidential Commission Report set the terms for the policies which labor must fight in the 1980s.

The Presidential Commission Report, entitled "Agenda on the 80's", calls for transforming America into a "post-industrial society." Its recommendations read like a litany of demands issued by the SDS in the 1960s.

The Commission, headed by former *Time* publisher Hedley Donovan, calls for policies to encourage relocation from the Northeast and Midwest to the "Sunbelt." It states that ***no effort should be made to support heavy industry in urban areas*** or bring heavy industry into cities. "Contrary to conventional wisdom," the report states, "cities are not permanent."

Union Free Environment

These recommendations correspond with proposals made recently at the National Urban Policy Roundtable by British Socialist Fabian Society member Peter Hall. Hall was promoting the idea of "Urban Free Enterprise Zones", a concept to transform "post-industrial" cities into ***union-free environments*** by setting up Hong Kong style sweat shop economies in U.S. cities. Hall's proposals are being promoted in the U.S. by the "rightwing" think tank, the Heritage Foundation.

A third conference held in late December brought socialists from around the world into Washington, D.C. to discuss the formation of "Euro-socialist" Party in America. Organized labor was attacked for not participating in this conference and not "understanding" that a Socialist Party would represent the working man better than trade unions. In addition, groupings influenced by the Socialist International feel that organized labor will stand in the way of a "class confrontation" perspective they have for labor in the coming period.

Left Joins Right

The meeting of minds among the likes of Heritage Foundation anti-labor ideologue Stewart Butler, Socialist International member Willy Brandt, and Carter's Presidential Aide Hedley Donovan is not as queer as it might seem. They all agree that the era of industrial expansion is over; that the U.S. should prepare to lose basic industry like steel, auto and heavy manufacturing; and that approximately 70% of the population should be in "service industry." They all agree that "guild socialism" is the wave of the future and that organized labor is a major impediment in its implementation.

Labor in the 1980s must face the fact that its traditional friends, the liberals, have joined its traditional enemies in a war against the working man. All of the ways of understanding whether someone is friend or enemy must be rethought.

It is appropriate to look to the original policy coalition of which labor was a member in putting Lincoln in the White House in the 1860s. We just join with those who are interested in expanding the U.S. economy's industrial and technological base. We must join with those who understand rising standard's of living is the precondition for a sound America.

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Target . . . The Building Trades

A recent addition to the network of socialist dissident groups disrupting the labor movement has emerged in the Building Trades unions of the AFL-CIO. These groups, ROOR, FLE, and BEE, are created and backed by exactly the same network operating inside the Teamsters, Steel, Miners, Auto, and Painters unions.

FLE and BEE in the IBEW

The "dissidents" in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers are an exact replica of the ROOR-PROD wrecking operation in the Laborers and the Teamsters.

The IBEW dissidents operate in two fraternal groups called FLE (Federation of Lineman) and BEE (Brotherhood of Electrical Employees). The top dissident leaders are Glynn Ross of Arizona, Bill Chadwick of Tennessee, and Dan Boswell of New Jersey. They travel the same circuit that White does. (See box).

The dissidents in ROOR, FLE, and BEE have been working with the anti-Building Trades environmentalists whom the Laborers and the IBEW have jointly been fighting for years due to their obstruction of nuclear and other construction projects.

NON-UNION BUGS

The FLE-BEE strategy for the IBEW is to launch a series of federal court suits, using attorneys from the Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU), to change the IBEW constitution and weaken the union's internal organization.

The Heritage Foundation Anti-Labor Think Tank

The Heritage Foundation is one of the leading anti-labor policy making groups in the U.S. They draw directly from the Right-to-Work organizations and foreign Socialist ideologues to formulate their anti-labor proposals. They are indirectly working with the "dissident" groups in the labor movement. Here is what their labor task force has proposed to the Reagan administration:

- **Repeal the Davis-Bacon Act.**
- **Deregulate all U.S. transportaion.**
- **Eliminate the Minimum Wage.**
- **Continue the Brilab, etc. witch hunts against labor.**
- **Use the Hobbs Act to break strikes.**
- **Reduce OSHA's enforcement capabilities.**
- **Push Right-to-Work legislation.**

ROOR Dissidents in the Laborers

Ruled out of Order (ROOR) is the most active of the newly-created "dissidents". This group is headed by Chris White, an International Socialist who joined Laborers Local 942 in Alaska.

White recently toured the U.S. addressing meetings of assorted union "dissidents" in an effort to build his ROOR Caucus into a full-fledged organization modelled on the Teamsters for a Democratic Union. White also attended the 1980 conference of the Association for Union Democracy (AUD) which pulled together in one meeting all of the socialists and communists who collaborate with the Department of Justice and actually run the so-called "dissidents".

ROOR and White came to national attention last year when the leftwing magazine *Mother Jones* printed a story of alleged corruption in the Laborers' Union using a combination of Chris White's charges and leaked Justice Department documents. It's not accidental that Bob Windrem, one of the authors of the article in *Mother Jones*, was formerly the research director for the Teamster "dissident" group PROD, and is now with NBC *Nightly News* where his anti-union "investigative reporting" activity is being used to go after labor's connection to the Reagan administration.

IDENTS

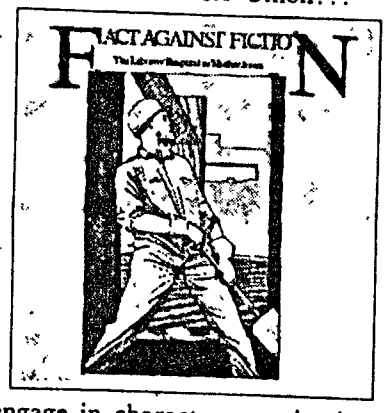
One Union Fights Back

Every trade union leader should take special notice of the recent counter offensive taken by the Laborers' International Union to stop the Justice Department's attack upon their union.

The LIU has published a pamphlet for its membership entitled *"Fact Against Fiction, The Laborers Respond to Mother Jones"*.

The following excerpts are from the Laborers side of the story:

"The *Mother Jones* article, "Six Ways to Take Over a Union," is an insult to the character, integrity and intelligence of every member of the Laborers' Union...



"Aside from the host of misstatements of fact and complete falsehoods which riddle this article, there are a number of distortions...and techniques which have been used by two obviously skilled writers to distort and color "facts," to appeal to unconscious racial and ethnic prejudices, to engage in character assassination and finally, to string unrelated events together, drawing grandiose, general and wrong conclusions. In another era this brand of writing would be simply labeled "yellow journalism" ... Windrem and Barnes deliberately screened out any facts which did not support their thesis, hoping that the reader of the article would never have the opportunity to hear the other side. It is simply "trial by press" ... not revealed by *Mother Jones* is that the authors themselves, Bob Windrem and Ed Barnes, speak for political organizations which have tried to insinuate themselves into the labor movement and into the Laborers' Union in particular.

"These organizations, known as PROD and ROOR, seek to advance their own political ambitions within the trade union movement by discrediting and ruining the reputation of particular unions and their members, staff and leaders...

"ROOR was spawned by PROD which is a Washington-based organization created by several lawyers interested in engaging in political activities within the Teamsters Union...

"It is also probably not surprising, given the history of PROD and ROOR, that throughout the article is a theme of contempt for the work, the intelligence, and ability of the rank-and-file Laborer.

"... the fact is that the membership of the Laborers' take pride in their work and their skills and apologize to no one for their contributions to the American economy...

"Windrem and Barnes with their college educations view a union composed in large part of blacks, Spanish-speaking people and first and second generation immigrants as inarticulate beasts of burden incapable of speaking on their own behalf or governing themselves...

"This is a totally false impression of the Laborers' Union which is the seventh largest union in the AFL-CIO and one whose public record of achievement is well-known. The Laborers' Union has played a pioneer role in the areas of pensions, prepaid legal service plans, prevailing wage protection for service contract workers, Taft-Hartley coverage for hospital workers, pension reciprocity agreements, and safety programs and educational films — all discarded by Windrem and Barnes...

"Clearly, the Laborers' International Union is recognized as an aggressive union trying to solve the problems of its members ... obviously they could not have done a very good hatchet job on the Laborers' Union if any of its accomplishments were cited.

"So, having attempted to create an impression of an unknown union doing little else but the bidding of the "mob," the rest of the article is a recitation of allegations of unconnected local episodes occurring over a quarter of a century and many having nothing whatsoever to do with charges of "corruption" in the first place. Windrem and Barnes then try to connect all of this up with a totally unsupported conclusion..."

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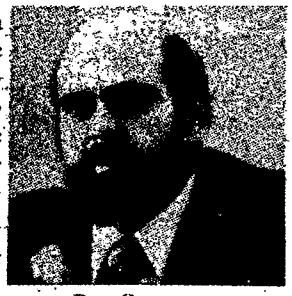
Ted Katsaros

Another FBI informant in the Teamsters is Ted Katsaros, TDU co-chairman and former PROD leader. Katsaros has been overheard bragging that he works with the FBI and Puccio from the Justice Department. In fact, he even boasts that he has supplied documents and has directed investigations for these agencies and for Congressional committees that he has testified before.

Katsaros is a major source of anti-Teamsters slanders for the media. He provides information for Newfield at the *Village Voice,* Windrem at NBC and has appeared on *"60 Minutes"*.



Pete Camarata

An avowed socialist, Camarata has made a career of attacking the Teamsters with fraudulent FBI documents which were illegally leaked to him. As TDU co-chairman, Pete testified before a House Committee hearing convened to take away Pension Funds from the Teamsters in 1978. At the hearings, Camarata entered a 1971 secret government memo on alleged Teamster corruption as evidence. This and other confidential Justice Department reports have leaked through TDU and PROD and are used by NBC and the National Right to Work Committee to attack the Teamsters.

Socialists

Mel Packer

On February 5, 1980, the *Pittsburgh Press* reported that TDU leader Mel Packer went to Iran with a delegation invited by the Iranian militants who were holding the 50 American hostages.

Upon his return, Packer publicly supported the demands of Khomeini's dictatorship which he praised as "the beginning of a socialist revolution."

Later that year, Packer stated in *Changes* magazine that, "I belong to a group called the International Socialists... the example we set in TDU is important for other workers."

Ken Paff

National TDU organizer Ken Paff, regularly quoted in the *Wall Street Journal,* is a leading member of the International Socialists, a Marxist organization. Paff's name has appeared on the IS editorial board which claims that, "The International Socialists is an organization of revolutionary socialist workers ... its purpose is to lead the struggle toward socialist revolution and for the creation of a broad unified Marxist organization."

Contrary to his rhetoric, Paff is a government informant. In a recent interview he stated, "We have an investigation in (Kansas City)... we want to get federal agencies and reporters into there. We're working with them now. We have some inside information."

Union Wreckers

The Independent Truckers: Mike Parkhurst and Bill Hill

The goal of Parkhurst's *Overdrive* and Hill's *FASH* organizations was to split truckers out of the Teamsters and create as much chaos as possible against the union and the U.S. economy.

What the "independents" are all about is best stated by Parkhurst and Hill themselves.

"We want a strike that will cripple the U.S. economy — we want to bring this country to its knees... let the whole economy collapse. If that's what it takes to get what we want, let it collapse."

"We want to bust up the Teamsters Union."

Bill Hill

"The American worker is too fat. He could eat a little less so that we could get more."

"The independent is like an animal. He has an animal's rage. We are the lowlife rising up against a greedy society."

Mike Parkhurst

Joe Rauh, Jr.

Wall Street attorney Joe Rauh, Jr. is a principal backer and counsel of the TDU-PROD dissidents. Rauh sits with the Rockefellers on the board of the Vanguard Foundation which funds TDU. He is also a top errand boy for the Kennedy family and works with Kennedy frontman Walter Sheridan to coordinate the "union reform movement."

Before attacking the Teamsters, Rauh ran the Association for Union Democracy (AUD). These caucuses were created in cooperation with Ralph Nader, the Communist Party, and student radicals.

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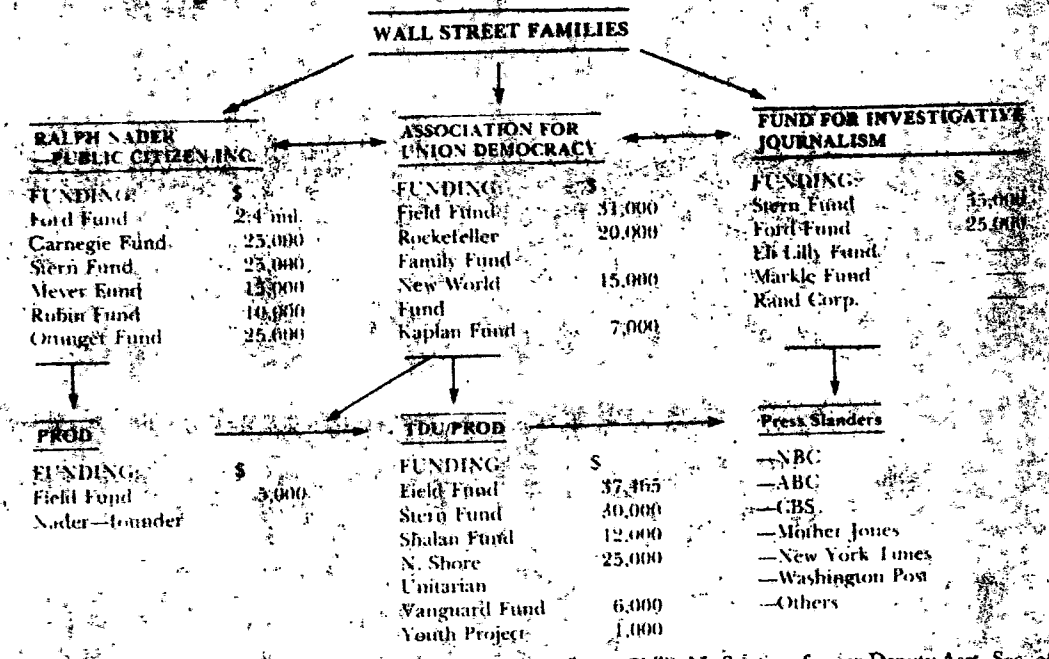
Money, Elite Families Behind Dissidents



PROD (Professional Drivers' Counsel) was set up by Ralph Nader and Mike Parkhurst, from the Overdrive dissidents (both of whom were in the forefront for trucking deregulation).

Both PROD and TDU receive funding from foundations through the Association for Union Democracy. They both receive legal counsel from Nader's attorneys and work with FIJ (Fund for Investigative Journalism) reporters.

FOUNDATION PERSONNEL (partial listing):

• Ford: Robert McNamara — president of World Bank, former Sec. of Defense under JFK.

• Field: Morris Abram — law partner of Ted Sorenson (Kennedy) and former Attorney General and Khomeini supporter Ramsey Clark.

• Stern: Philip M. Stern — former Deputy Asst. Sec. of State under JFK.

• Kaplan: Sam Harris — law partner of Kennedy man Sargeant Shriver. This foundation was exposed as a CIA front in the 1960's for conduiting funds to radical student groups.

• New World: Mrs. Adam Yarmolinsky — former JFK War on Poverty head, wife of former JFK Peace Corps administrator.

• Ottinger: U.S. Rep Richard C. Ottinger — environmentalist funder and former JFK Peace Corps.

• Vanguard: Rockefeller family and Kennedy lawyer Joe Rauh, Jr. of the Association of Union Democracy.

• Rubin: Rubin family, including Cora and Peter Weiss, bankrolled millions of dollars into pro-terrorist thinktanks in the U.S. and Europe.

EX TDU'er DENOUNCES DISSIDENTS

The Beacon Staff conducted the following interview with Brendon Kaiser, Secretary-Treasurer of Teamster Local 579, Janesville, Wisconsin. This article is the first part of a two part series on the true story of the Dissidents for a Democratic Union (TDU).

Beacon: *Were you ever a member of TDU?*

Kaiser: I joined TDU in 1978 and I attended their 1979 convention and at that point I divorced myself from their hypocritical organization.

Q. *TDU gives an impression that they were responsible for your victory in Local 579.*

A. No, absolutely not. Sure they like to take credit for elections, but the union members are the ones who put me in there and I had no connection with the TDU at the time of the nomination or the election in 1980.

Q. *Were any of the top TDU members socialist?*

A. Ken Paff told me that he was a socialist and that Steve Kindred, who was a complete zero for brains, was a socialist, and that Mel Packer and Pete Camarata were socialists... I really found out that they were hypocrites, downright hypocrites. Some people would protest most anything. They'd even go so far as to even protest motherhood and I think that some of those people are... Rita Drapkin, she chaired one of those workshops, see, and they wanted to put a resolution on the floor that TDU supported gays! Then she put forward a resolution which supported the communists shot in North Carolina. And she was the one that wanted to cut everyone off that day.

Q. *Is TDU really democratic?*

A. The word Democratic is misused in TDU. The inner circle makes the decision on how it will run, how their conventions will run. It's the inner circle that decided to run Pete Camarata for General President and this guy is still carrying nominee rights and candidacy rights. Camarata doesn't have the brains to come in out of the rain.

I told Paff, "You mean to tell me that you're going to have seven members decide who's going to be the candidate, yet, in the next breath you're saying we should vote on everything in the general executive board?" And they refused to bring financial statements forward and they tried every trick in the book to cover it up, and yet they turn around and say that that's what goes on in local unions, well, they're guilty of their own condemnation.

Q. *Where does TDU receive its funding?*

A. The Stern Fund, that's the most vivid in my mind. Then there was the Field Fund and some woman that had a lot of money on the West Coast who contributed to sore spots in society.

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Teamster Dissident Vi

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mel Packer of Hazelwood, Pa. came home Saturday night from a controversial trip to Iran. Mr. Packer, employed as a steel hauler and a Teamster Union member, is one of the original founders of Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU), along with Peter Camarata of Detroit.

TDU was one of many organizations who received an invitation from the Iranian government and the militant students holding the American citizens hostage to journey to Iran to visit for 10 days with the students, giving them the opportunity to explain exactly why they felt it necessary to take over the U.S. embassy and hold Americans hostage in exchange for the return of the Shah.

Packer apparently was selected by Camarata and other leaders of TDU to represent that organization as a part of the Committee for American-Iranian Crisis Resolution. State Department officials viewed the trip unfavorably, saying that funding for the journey is suspicious and they doubted "any possible good can come of it."

"Obviously this will refocus attention on the militants. We would think that is not very helpful," a State Department spokesman said.

Government sources in Washington said they believed funding for the trip is coming from the Iranian government, a move those officials called "unusual" because the Iranian government has in the past disassociated itself formally from the student militants.

SUPPORTS MILITANTS' DEMANDS

In a press conference held following his visit, TDU leader Packer explained his support for the militants' demand that the Shah be returned to Iran. "Somewhere along the line, you make a moral decision, even if that means some people won't like you for it. At the worst, all the militants might accomplish is nothing."

Packer continued, "It's the same philosophy we have in TDU. What i complish is the destruct Union? This union is s whole thing collapsed it gain."

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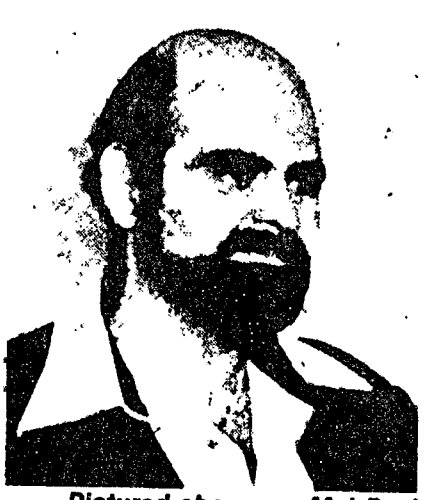

Pictured above are Mel Packer (right), TDU "International" steering committee member, and Pete Camarata (left), TDU candidate against the elected leadership in Local 299.

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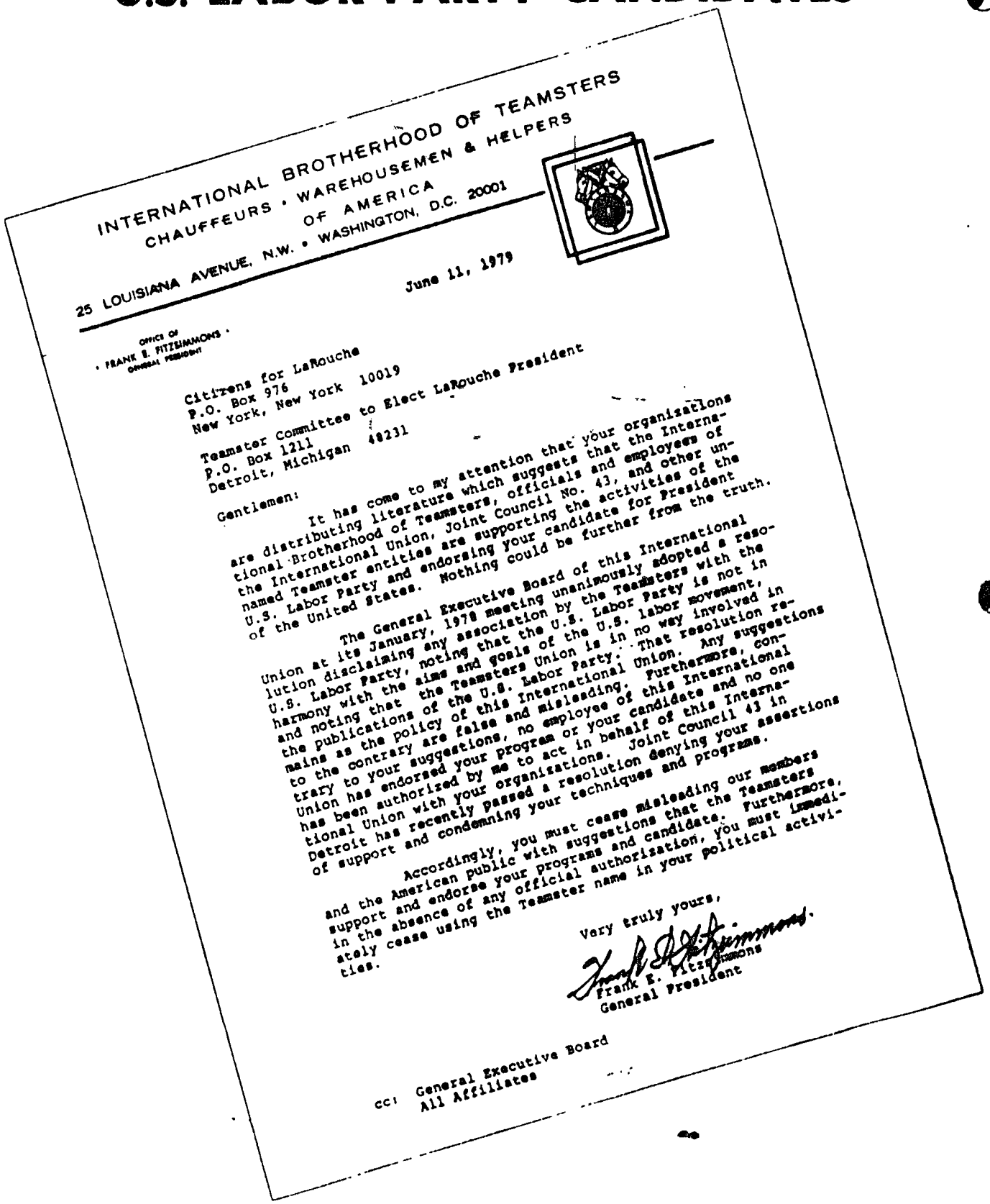

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Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that your organizations are distributing literature which suggests that the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, officials and employees of the International Union, Joint Council No. 43, and other unnamed Teamster entities are supporting the activities of the U.S. Labor Party and endorsing your candidate for President of the United States. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The General Executive Board of this International Union at its January, 1978 meeting unanimously adopted a resolution disclaiming any association by the Teamsters with the U.S. Labor Party, noting that the U.S. Labor Party is not in harmony with the aims and goals of the U.S. labor movement, and noting that the Teamsters Union is in no way involved in the publications of the U.S. Labor Party. That resolution remains as the policy of this International Union. Any suggestions to the contrary are false and misleading. Furthermore, contrary to your suggestions, no employee of this International Union has been authorized by me to act in behalf of this International Union with your organizations. Joint Council 43 in Detroit has recently passed a resolution denying your assertions of support and condemning your techniques and programs.

Accordingly, you must cease misleading our members and the American public with suggestions that the Teamsters support and endorse your programs and candidate. Furthermore, in the absence of any official authorization, you must immediately cease using the Teamster name in your political activities.

Very truly yours,

Frank E. Fitzsimmons
General President

cc: General Executive Board
All Affiliates

"No employee of this International Union has endorsed your program or your candidate," General President Fitzsimmons said, in a letter demanding that the group remove the Teamsters' name from its literature.

Letter to the RANK and FILE

At the last general membership meeting of IBT Local 249, a few individuals spoke out to criticize the presence of the rank and file paper called "From the Horse's Mouth." Supposedly, these individuals were disturbed that there was an independent voice that dared to criticize some of the union leadership, locally and nationally.

At the Stewards' meeting on Dec. 1, this criticism revealed its true purpose. Part of this meeting was devoted to an attack on the paper and one of its founders, Mel Packer. Further, there was a serious attempt made to begin discrediting Teamsters for a Decent Contract (TDC), which is a national rank and file organization that has presently involved Teamsters from over 100 cities. The purpose of TDC is to force the International to negotiate a decent national freight contract in place of the disaster that we have been working under for the last three years.

The Union's proposals for the new contract were presented by Fitzsimmons to a meeting of 300 locals in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 25, 1975. As TDC had predicted, the proposals are terrible and do not even begin to speak to our real concerns.

Clearly, in order for Fitzsimmons to ram this contract through, he must remove his opposition. And that means that the International has every intention of trying to destroy TDC and will attempt to use local officials to do their dirty work. Here in Local 249 and J.C. 40, we are witnessing the start of that effort.

Under the cover of pretending to be disturbed about the presence of some Teamsters who adhere to a socialist political philosophy, some of the local officers and their hacks are attacking TDC as a "Communist organization."

THIS IS AN OUT AND OUT LIE!

TDC is a rank and file organization that is open to ANY Teamster who is willing to support the TDC contract demands and the petition campaign carrying these demands.

ANY IBT'er who is concerned about the contract and wants to fight the companies for better conditions is welcome to join TDC. ALL TDC members have the right to democratic participation in TDC meetings.

We do not ask each new TDC supporter what their political affiliations are because it is not a matter of concern to us. What concerns us is whether or not that person is willing to help build TDC. There are probably many supporters of TDC with whom we have tremendous political differences; but that won't stop us from working with them in the fight for a decent contract.

Because we are believers in democracy and the right of free political association, and because we do not believe in discriminating against anyone because of their individual political philosophies, we will continue to work with the present members of TDC. This includes those members who have informed us that they are socialists or members of a socialist organization.

The fact that one of the founding members of TDC, Mel Packer, has informed us of his socialist beliefs does not in any way lessen our support of TDC. Nor does it reduce our determination to build a rank and file Teamster movement that has the strength to reject a bad contract and force negotiation of a good one in 1976.

It is clear to us that those individuals and officers who are attempting to discredit TDC by singling out a few individuals and screaming "Communist" are working for the International and Fitzsimmons. They are trying to destroy TDC and some of its hardest working members because they are opposed to the organization of the rank and file. They are opposed to our organization because they know that they will not be able to control us or our movement. And anything they cannot control, they fear.

We have endorsed this statement to the rank and file because we want you to become involved in TDC and to reject the McCarthy-type witch-hunt hysteria that some people are trying to create.

We must no longer allow ourselves to be divided as these people are trying to do through use of red-baiting tactics. Division can only lead to defeat and another three years of living under a lousy contract rammed down our throats by officials who don't give a damn about any of us.

Some of us who have signed this letter were at the founding conference of TDC last August 16. We have been actively involved in its organization and building ever since. We believe in its potential and its goals. We encourage you to do the same.

Come to the TDC meeting on Saturday, Dec. 13th, Brashear Center, 20th and Sarah in South Side, and find out for yourself what TDC is all about. It's your contract.

SIGNED BY:

LEO BOEHM, UNITED PARCEL SERVICE*, LOCAL 249
"FRENCHY" CAIN, ALLING & CORY*, LOCAL 249
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READ OTHER SIDE FIRST

(Some of us who signed the opposite page have encouraged Mel Packer to openly state his political beliefs for the record. Our endorsement of the opposite side is in no way an endorsement of his political philosophy as explained below, but we do endorse his right to believe as he chooses. Thank you for reading this.)

A PERSONAL STATEMENT

My name is Mel Packer and I am a member of Local 249, employed by Consolidated Freightways. I have been in 249 for about 5 years and was in 299 in Detroit before that.

I was raised in a working class family in Connecticut where my father has retired as a Post Office employee. Like many of you, I was a rebel in school and either flunked or quit high school a couple of times before finally graduating.

I was living in Detroit when I was about age 24, had quit a job I was unhappy with, and found a job on the loading docks of a small cartage company. I didn't know anything about the union, but it seemed like decent money. I joined the union through my own insistence, as my employer had a sweetheart agreement with 299 which allowed him to violate the union clause.

My first innocent encounter with the heavy handedness of the Teamster International came when I went to work one day and discovered that one of my co-workers (a guy about 50 years old) had been beaten up by Teamster goons the previous day. He was affiliated with a small rank and file group called the "Unity Committee" and they had dared to picket the 299 hall with demands for more democracy in the union. I decided at that point that I was no hero and I would keep my mouth shut.

I moved to Pittsburgh a few months later and tried to transfer into 249 to try and find a job. But, I had to get a job before I could transfer, so I took a minimum wage job at Robert Fulton Co. and helped to organize it into 249. I served as the elected Steward at Robert Fulton until I quit.

I then went to the 249 Trailer School, and a few months later, managed to get my time in at Consolidated. I have been working there ever since.

During all of this time, I had been involved in the anti-war movement. It was always clear to me that the VietNam war benefited only the profit-pictures of the largest families and corporations, at the expense of many young, working-class lives.

I was also at that time involved deeply in the civil-rights movement and the fight for racial and sexual equality. I realized that divisions between people from racism and sexism were phony divisions that had been created by the rich folks to make sure that their workers kept on fighting each other. As long as we kept on fighting each other, we could not successfully fight our bosses.

During all of this period in my life, I remained a loner and didn't join any group. I wasn't sure if I was a socialist, but I knew I was too poor to be a capitalist. Slowly, but surely, I began to learn through my work experience and through my political activity, that the profit system wasn't for me. I had nothing to gain by defending my boss and his profits. I could gain only by fighting my boss and his desire for increased profits made at my expense.

I also began realizing that I could not fight alone. The only way this system could ever be challenged, the only way workers (including me) could ever get a fair break was to organize ourselves as workers, as members of the working class, to make certain demands upon our bosses.

In order for us to be able to do that, we have to have strong organizations that will fight for us, and that we democratically control. Those organizations must be our unions. But every time we turn around, we see Fitz making deals with the bosses.

Obviously, we need to build a movement that can return control of our unions to the rank and file. We can make our unions into fighting organizations again if we build a movement that can gain democratic control of them.

Today, I am proud to say that I am deeply involved in trying to build such a movement in the IBT. I have helped to start a paper in Local 249 and am one of the founding members of Teamsters for a Decent Contract.

Today, I am also proud to say that I am a socialist. I call myself that because I now realize that the only way we can finally end the kind of exploitation that most of us are forced to live under is to create an alternative system. That system must be socialism. In March of 1975, I joined an organization called the International Socialists (IS). I joined because the IS is an organization of workers that is committed to fighting for democratic control in every aspect of our lives. Unlike some other groups, I do not believe that workers democracy exists in either the Soviet Union or China. Rather, I believe that workers in those countries must also fight for control of their own lives.

Finally, I joined the IS because I believe (like the IS) in workers control, workers power, and workers democracy.

As a rank and file Teamster and as a socialist, I will continue to fight against the companies and sell-out union leaders because it is our union, our lives, and we have to live under the lousy deals they make. It is time for us to demand control over our own lives.

It is time for all of us to start fighting back.

Thank you for your time,
MEL PACKER

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Teamster Dissident Visits Iran Militants

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mel Packer of Hazelwood, Pa. came home Saturday night from a controversial trip to Iran. Mr. Packer, employed as a steel hauler and a Teamster Union member, is one of the original founders of Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU) along with Peter Camarata of Detroit.

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we have in TDU. What if the only thing we accomplish is the destruction of the Teamsters Union? This union is so corrupt that if the whole thing collapsed it would be a positive gain."

"But we didn't go to bargain for the hostages", Packer emphasized. "The Shah's crimes are the only subject to be discussed .... People who complain about the taking of hostages don't know what the Shah did. In many cases, like this, any tactics are acceptable."

Explaining the motives of the Iranian revolutionaries, Packer said "For them, Islam is a religion, against American Imperialism. For us, it is socialism."

A WARM WELCOME FROM THE MILITANTS

"I kept getting hugged and kissed by people," Packer recalled in describing the warm welcome he received from the Iranian militants.

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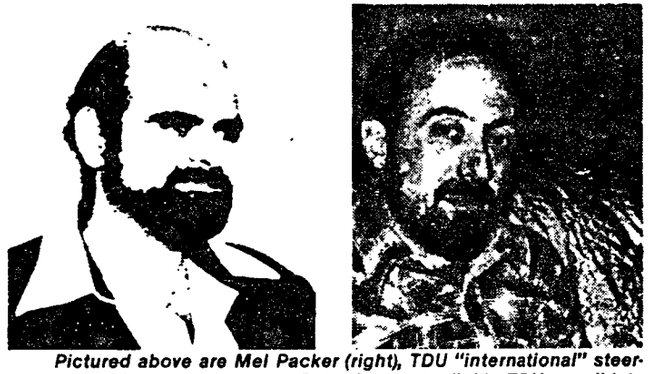

Pictured above are Mel Packer (right), TDU "international" steering committee member, and Pete Camarata (left), TDU candidate against the elected leadership in Local 299.

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May 22, 1980

Mr. Ken Paff, Organizer
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Detroit, Michigan 48210

Dear Mr. Paff:

We have received the material you sent on the Pittsburgh Press article, and confirm that it indeed is not an Associated Press story. We are investigating the matter.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM E. AHEARN
ENTERPRISE EDITOR

THIS IS WHAT THE **ASSOCIATED PRESS** HAD TO SAY ABOUT THIS ARTICLE.

THIS ARTICLE IS A FORGERY!

WHY ARE TEAMSTER OFFICIALS SPREADING LIES?

See the reverse for more information

WHY ARE I.B.T. OFFICIALS DISTRIBUTING FORGERIES FOR ANTI-LABOR GROUP??

A slick and expensive forgery posing as an article from the Pittsburgh Associated Press on February 8, 1980 is being circulated by a group of outside agitators from the neo-Nazi "U.S. Labor Party (USLP)." While the forgery is unsigned (of course), it has been officially linked to this anti-union outfit.

These anti-union agitators are being aided, unfortunately, by some of our own IBT officials (or in some instances, by their flunkies), who have taken a hand in distributing this literature in local unions across North America.

The "U.S. Labor Party" has officially been denounced by all sections of the labor movement—AFL-CIO, UAW, and even the IBT General Executive Board itself. All have agreed with the IBT, as stated in the **International Teamster**, February 1978, p. 4, that "the U.S. Labor Party is not in harmony with the aims and goals of the U.S. labor movement."

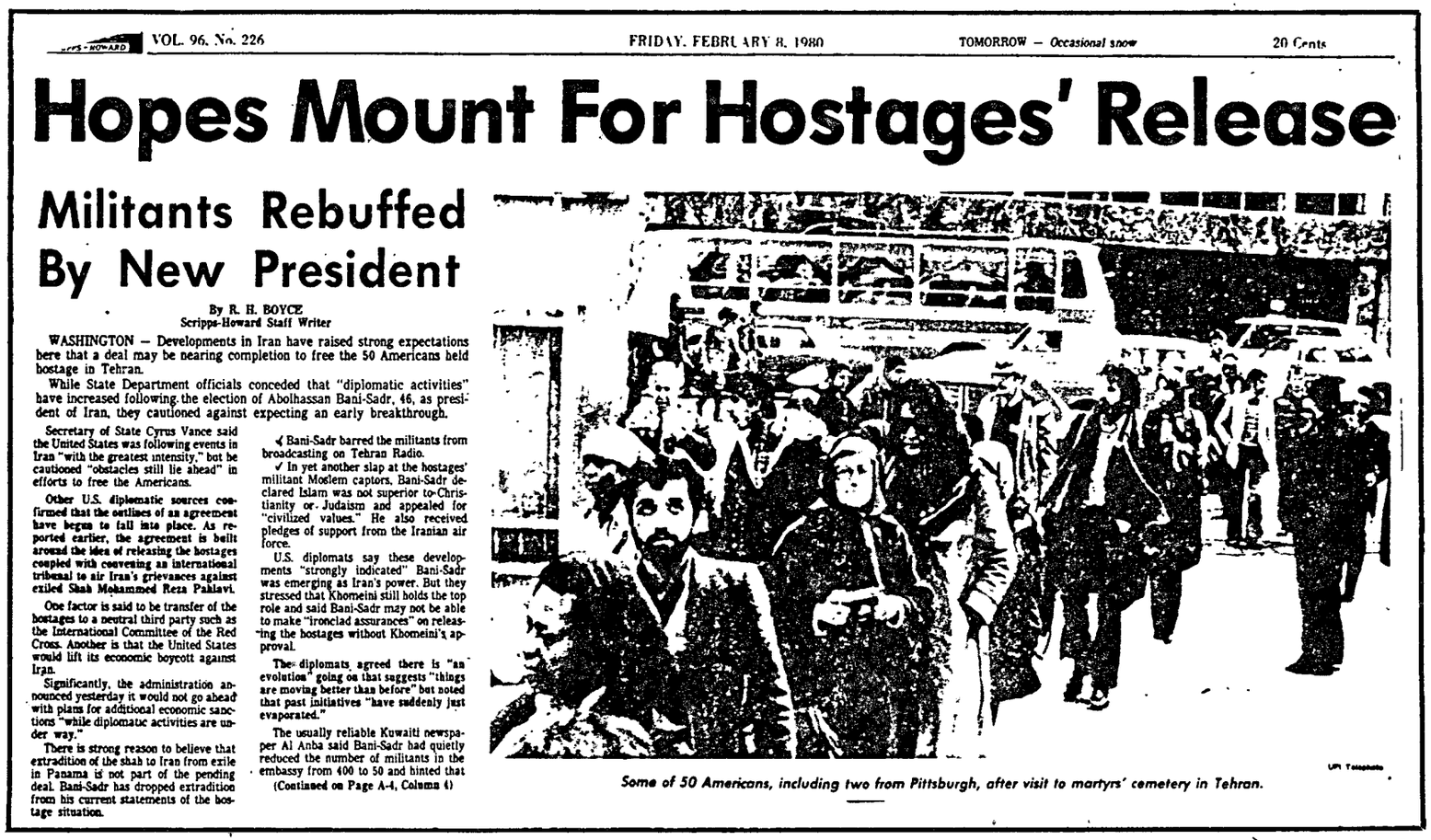
The reason why some officials have jumped into bed with this anti-union organization is plain to see: they want to divert the members attention from the real issues facing our Union. Our contracts, jobs, working conditions, the lack of democracy in our Union, the need for better representation.

These are the **real** issues. The issues that TDU speaks up about and will take to the IBT Convention in June. It is sad that when our local officials don't have an answer, when they can't explain **why** our Union is going down hill, they turn to lies and slander such as this phoney article.

It isn't surprising that USLP literature is cropping up all over right now, just prior to the IBT Convention. TDU is running delegates in a number of locals who will take resolutions to this Convention which will attempt to deal with some of the serious problems facing the Teamsters Union today. Using the USLP literature is just another tactic to split, weaken, and demoralize the rank and file so that we falter in our efforts to bring the Union under membership control.

If anyone has the slightest doubt as to the real facts about this article, they can call the Associated Press at (212) 621-1500 and ask for Enterprise Editor, Bill Ahearn. At no point in the February 8 AP article was there any mention of TDU, Pete Camarata, or anything at all related to our Union.

If you see anyone distributing these unsigned slander sheets, please write down who did it (with a description), where seen, when seen, license number of vehicle, and names of witnesses. Please send such information to TDU.



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Hopes Mount For Hostages' Release

Militants Rebuffed By New President

By R. H. BOYCE
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — Developments in Iran have raised strong expectations here that a deal may be nearing completion to free the 50 Americans held hostage in Tehran.

While State Department officials conceded that "diplomatic activities" have increased following the election of Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, 46, as president of Iran, they cautioned against expecting an early breakthrough.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said the United States was following events in Iran "with the greatest intensity," but he cautioned "obstacles still lie ahead" in efforts to free the Americans.

Other U.S. diplomatic sources confirmed that the outlines of an agreement have begun to fall into place. As reported earlier, the agreement is built around the idea of releasing the hostages coupled with convening an international tribunal to air Iran's grievances against exiled Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi.

One factor is said to be transfer of the hostages to a neutral third party such as the International Committee of the Red Cross. Another is that the United States would lift its economic boycott against Iran.

Significantly, the administration announced yesterday it would not go ahead with plans for additional economic sanctions "while diplomatic activities are under way."

There is strong reason to believe that extradition of the shah to Iran from exile in Panama is not part of the pending deal. Bani-Sadr has dropped extradition from his current statements of the hostage situation.

✓ Bani-Sadr barred the militants from broadcasting on Tehran Radio.

✓ In yet another slap at the hostages' militant Moslem captors, Bani-Sadr declared Islam was not superior to Christianity or Judaism and appealed for "civilized values." He also received pledges of support from the Iranian air force.

U.S. diplomats say these developments "strongly indicated" Bani-Sadr was emerging as Iran's power. But they stressed that Khomeini still holds the top role and said Bani-Sadr may not be able to make "ironclad assurances" on releasing the hostages without Khomeini's approval.

The diplomats agreed there is "an evolution" going on that suggests "things are moving better than before" but noted that past initiatives "have suddenly just evaporated."

The usually reliable Kuwaiti newspaper Al Anba said Bani-Sadr had quietly reduced the number of militants in the embassy from 400 to 50 and hinted that

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Some of 50 Americans, including two from Pittsburgh, after visit to martyrs' cemetery in Tehran.

This is what the Feb. 8, 1980 PITTSBURGH PRESS really looked like

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Ken Paff—Khomeini's Man in U.S. Labor Movement

by Don Baier

If one of Ayatollah Khomeini's Iranian "militants" or his "Eurosocialist" buddies attacked a top trade-union adviser to President Reagan as a crook, most Americans would react skeptically to the charge, perhaps even wondering if a little

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"necktie" party might be arranged to quiet down the fellow shooting off his mouth.

Then why have major sections of the U.S. press been playing up as "fair comment," recent smears by International Socialist Ken Paff, who has called Teamster International Vice-President Jackie Presser "a spokesman for millionaires and organized crime."

Jackie Presser is a nationally recognized labor leader who decided last year that American workers could not afford four more years of Jimmy Carter. After the election, Presser was appointed as an adviser to Reagan's transition team.

Presser has been a target of media "organized crime" smears since the mid-1960s union-busting spree by the Kennedy Justice Department's "Get Hoffa" squad. None of the charges has ever been proven.

Ken Paff, on the other hand, has a documented history as an agent of the same "Eurosocialist" crowd who backed Khomeini's takeover in Iran and who now want to see America torn apart by "class war."

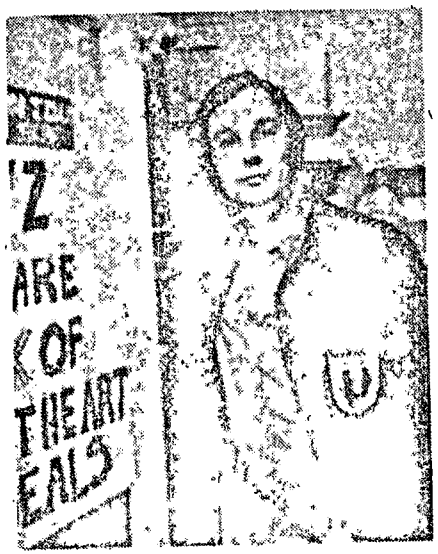
For the past 13 years, Paff has been a card-carrying member of the International Socialists (IS), one of the many Trotskyite "tutti-frutti" splinter groups out to "radicalize" American workers on the Khomeini model.

Paff is also a national organizer for the IS-penetrated Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU). Just as Khomeini and his followers howled about "human rights" under "the corrupt Shah," Paff and other International Socialists members running the TDU have sponsored numerous attacks on the entire Teamsters' leadership as "corrupt and undemocratic."

Presently they are planning a major disruption of the June 1981 national conference of the Teamsters.

Paff and his friends have shown more than an ideological sympathy for the Khomeiniacs. This past summer, Paff sent Pittsburgh TDU member Mel Packer to Iran, as part of a delegation of American ultraliberals, to give support to Khomeini and the militants holding the U.S. hostages.

The November 1980 issue of Labor Notes, a publication Paff is closely



International Socialist Ken Paff emulates his idol, Ayatollah Khomeini, by charging "corruption in high places."

associated with, spells out the violent program Paff and his pals want to impose on the American labor movement.

Writing off the Reagan administration before it even took office, Labor Notes asserted that "Washington for the next four years will not be responsive to reasoned arguments or pressures from labor leaders, women's organizations, or the black community. New rules are needed. This means a willingness to break unjust laws . . . to take to the streets."

Not surprisingly, this is the identical line fielded by representatives of the Socialist International at their early December conference in Washington, D.C., which vowed to wage "class war" against the Reagan administration.

Present for consultation with the Socialist leaders who attended that conference was another prominent supporter of the Ayatollah Khomeini's revolution, Georgii Arbatov of the Soviet KGB's North American "think tank," the U.S.A.-Canada Institute.

Paff is an errand boy for the Socialist International-KGB conspirators who have vowed to do everything in their power to weaken the United States and enforce an unnecessary depression. When Paff denounces Jackie Presser, his real motive is to ensure there is no real labor influence and counsel operating on the Reagan administration. Attacking Presser is a vehicle for furthering Paff's goal of confrontation between labor and government—"class war."

So when Paff attacks Presser and other labor leaders, consider the source. When the media gives Paff's phony charges a big play, consider whose ax they are grinding.

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Rank & File Teamsters should watch out for "Labor" Party lies in their locals. Let us know if your officers are distributing this material. If your officers are using such material, remind them that the International Union has repudiated the "Labor" Party in the pages of the **International Teamster** (Feb.1978).

Anti-Labor groups and thugs have always been used against union men and women who stand up for their rights. By employers, and sometimes by unscrupulous or pro-employer union officials. The U.S. "Labor Party and its "American Labor Beacon" is the same old crap in a new wrapper.

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THESE TDU LEADERS CLAIM TO BE SOCIALISTS

What Kind of Socialists are They?

1. TDU was established in 1975 as TDC and later changed to TDU.

2. TDU was formed by the **International Socialist Party** according to PROD leaders, Fox, deBlois and Sikorski, in their letter dated December 8, 1975. These leaders have since left PROD. PROD merged with TDU in 1979.

3. Messrs. Fox, deBlois, and Sikorski made the following comments about TDU in their letter:

   "The group which has continued to mastermind the TDC movement are all a group of young men and women who are dedicated Socialists."

   "Socialism seeks to obtain its political goals through infiltrating rank-and-file groups and through striking to cripple industries and ultimately the Country and our Government."

   "but with the TDC movement . . . **many rank-and-filers may be drawn unknowingly into a Socialist movement thinking its only objectives are to secure a strong contract.**"

4. The official newspaper of the International Socialists is called, "Workers Power." The November 7, 1975 issue contains a list of objectives. **First and foremost is a "working class revolution." "Socialism can be won only through workers revolution. The capitalist state must be destroyed. So must its institutions: the legislature, army, police and courts."**

   In the November 14, 1975 issue UPS driver and TDC steering committee member, Joe Nabach, described the **Socialists strategy for infiltrating the Teamster rank-and-file.** He wrote: We still have a minority of (Socialist) members who resist the idea of getting an industrialist job. **If the workplace is going to be the base of the revolution, then it's time we speeded things up and sent these comrades to school in the working class.**

5. TDU's organizer, Ken Paff from Cleveland, Ohio, is an admitted Socialist. In a publication written by him and two other TDU leaders, they stated in an article; **The Truth About Socialists:**

THE THREE OF US ARE NAMED IN THE LEAFLET AS SOCIALISTS.

Eileen Janadia works four days a week for both the TDU and the TRF. She coordinates the bulk distribution of some 60,000 copies of Convoy Dispatch to some 500 distributors. She also oversees accounts receivable.

Eileen's husband, Bob Janadia, has been a Teamster for 28 years and both are well-known opponents of the dictatorial regime of Bobby Holmes in Local 337. Eileen was elected a member of the TDU International Steering Committee and has also served as the coordinator of the Detroit Chapter for three years.

Ken Paff is the TDU Organizer, elected at our Convention last November.

Ken spends most weekends traveling to meet with chapters and members to help build new chapters and campaigns. He visits just about all chapters in a years time, along with general coordination of our many campaigns, activites and publications.

Ken was one of the founders of TDU. Until June of 1978 he drove for Preston Trucking in Cleveland, Local 407. He gave up his job to work full time at a lot less money for TDU and the rank and file.

Also shown are Mr. Kindred, out of Cleveland and Jerry Bliss, both members of TDU.

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SPECIAL REPORT

THE DISSIDENTS

This Beacon Special Report gives you an update on where the dissidents are, some of what they are up to, and happily, the response that one union has launched to clean up its "dissidents".

Labor leaders, since the earliest days of the union movement, have had problems with lone gripers or complainers. But in more recent times, we've seen formerly powerful unions, like the Mineworkers and the USWA racked by problems of well-organized networks of dissidents, toppling whole leaderships from office, rewriting constitutions and bylaws to prevent centralized control over a union's affairs.

Many times, the lone complainer, often with a legitimate grievance, enthusiastically joins in the union "reform" movement. He passes petitions, and votes with the reformers, who always say they are fighting for "union democracy" and against "corrupt" leadership. However, when the dust settles after the process of "reform" the member usually faces a fragmented and weakened union. The primary example is the current state of the UMW.

Questions have been asked about how such a development could take place. How is it, for example, that a group of "reformers", with what appear to be good ideas for giving the rank and file more say in the affairs of its union, actually end up wrecking a union? It's very simple. If you are out to destroy the union movement, as the so-called Right-to-Work organizations have said they are, then you have to recruit people inside the union movement to work with you and dupe others to go along. If the Right-to-Work people have learned anything in their union-busting careers, they know that to attack the union movement head-on means bloody battles that they have lost more than once.

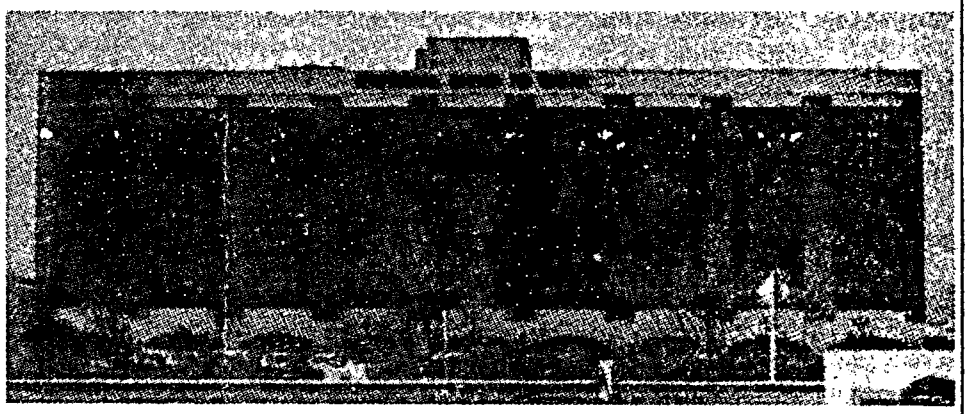
What better way to destroy that union than to recruit someone inside the union itself and tell him the leadership, which he elected, "stinks", and that they are responsible for his union dues increase, his lack of portable pension, and that the last contract sold out the rank and file. Looking at the "reform" movement from this standpoint, it is not surprising to find the Right-to-Work groups working directly and indirectly with so-called union dissidents like PROD/TDU. PROD and TDU is a caucus inside the Teamsters run by a revolutionary socialist organization called the International Socialists. The so-called left and so-called right join forces when it comes to destroying free and independent trade unions in the United States.

The question still remains, how do these things work?

The Socialists and the odd complainers and gripers in the union together don't make up enough votes to throw a union leader out of office. Where does this so-called "union democracy" movement that the socialists hide behind get it's money to support its dissident campaign? The USWA has proven in a lawsuit that Wall Street Foundations, certainly no friend of organized labor, have funneled millions to the dissidents.

The union movement as a whole since the early 50's, but increasingly in the 60's and massively in the 70's, has been smeared in the press for alleged corruption, links to organized crime, pension, health and welfare fund mismanagement and assorted other (alleged) crimes. In addition, the Justice Department has become a combined spy network and law enforcement arm of the political forces in the country who want to break the back of labor. If we look at the socialist-run dissidents, we find that they are part of that spy network inside the union movement, and that they are among the main sources for media slanders against labor.

Staughton Lynd — *Art Fox* — *Ken Paff* — *Mel Packer* — *Pete Camarata* — *Chris White*

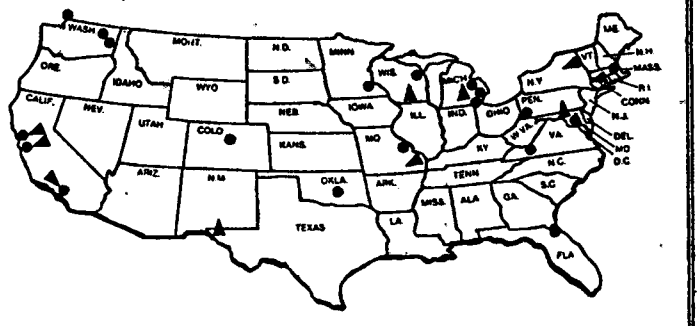


Prudential-financed Right to Work Headquarters and Dissidents

SPECIAL REPORT

THE DISSIDENTS

PROD/TDU VICTORIES IN TEAMSTER LOCAL ELECTIONS PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1980



TOTAL PROD/TDU VICTORIES IN TEAMSTER LOCAL ELECTIONS AS OF JANUARY 1981

Vote for TDU?

Could your union use a leader with a proven track record of stealing local funds or who fully endorses the Ayatollah Khomeini seizing Americans for hostage?

If this is the type of leadership you want, then you should elect the candidates of the Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU).

The TDU, which is run by Khomeini supporters called the International Socialists, claims that it has the right program for the Teamsters. Take a good look at their track record and make your own decision.

- Flint IBT Local 332 — since the time that the TDU took office the local has become bankrupt.
- Jack Vlahovic, the TDU candidate for IBT International Secretary-Treasurer from Vancouver, was removed from his Secretary Treasurer position at Local 213 for misuse of local funds. Breaking rules established by the local, Vlahovic used local funds to buy a new car, a pick-up truck, and a pleasure trip to Las Vegas.
- Pete Camarata, TDU candidate for IBT International President is a leading member of the International Socialists (IS). At Local 299 in Detroit, Camarata was voted out as shop steward by his fellow workers. Ironically, Camarata organized for the new policy of electing stewards, giving his fellow workers the chance to get rid of him.

WHAT THE SOCIALIST DISSIDENTS STAND FOR

The International Socialists (IS), a self-styled communist-revolutionary organization, controls the dissident Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU) and the Laborers for a Democratic Union (LDU).

The following are statements by the International Socialists on what they stand for:

On the Iran Khomeini Dictatorship:

"This is a real revolution... What's happening in the factories and neighborhoods and peasant village or Iran today is the beginning of a socialist revolution."

Support of Miami riots:

"...the Miami rebellion is not kicking off a long, hot summer, it is kicking off a long hot decade...They are getting ready for all hell to break loose because even though there is not yet a revolutionary mass movement in this country, it's just a matter of time."

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"The International Socialists is an organization of revolutionary socialist workers..."

"Its purpose is to lead the struggle toward socialist revolution...the IS stands for the creation of a broad unified Marxist organization committed to a revolutionary democratic vision of socialism, as a crucial step toward a revolutionary workers party."

On nuclear energy:

"Stop licensing of nuclear power plants and shut down those already on line...educate workers on the danger of nuclear energy."

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Mr. Ken Paff, Organizer
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Dear Mr. Paff:

We have received the material you sent on the Pittsburgh Press article, and confirm that it indeed is not an Associated Press story. We are investigating the matter.

Sincerely,

William Ahearn

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TDU Chapter Contacts

March 17, 1981

Dear Friends,

From time to time in the course of TDU's progress, various factions and forces have tried to smear TDU, spread lies about its leaders, and defame its activities. The purpose is always the same: to split, weaken, and demoralize the rank & file so that they falter in their efforts to bring the Union under membership control.

These tactics have never succeeded in the past--and they won't work in the future. We have seen, however, in the last couple of weeks an increased attempt to spread such lies about TDU. The reason is simple: our activity around the IBT Convention is picking up. Our recruitment is intensifying. Our Chapters are growing.

As a consequence, some Local Union officials are turning to a neo-Nazi outfit called the "U.S. Labor Party". This organization produces material to slander TDU. They have been at it for years. Their weird stories are basically the same--TDU is in a plot with the Queen of England, the Ayatollah Khomeini, the Russians, Castro, the Kennedy's, and Wall Street to destroy the Teamsters Union.

The latest slander-sheets put out by the "U.S. Labor Party" are their new newspaper, the "American Labor Beacon" and an unsigned flyer which claims to be a reprint of a newspaper forgery about a trip of Mel Packer to Iran. THIS ARTICLE IS A FORGERY. While Mel did make a personal trip to Iran as part of a citizens attempt to free the hostages, at no time did he make any of the statements attributed to him in the February 8 forgery. (I have enclosed a letter from the Associated Press substantiating the fact that the article is a forgery).

To counter these slanders, we are therefore sending you the following materials:

1. A flyer with TDU's statement on the "American Labor Beacon" (also appeared in this month's Convoy Dispatch).

2. A flyer showing the newspaper "article" about Packer's trip to a complete and utter phoney. (You may reproduce copies of this flyer and the flyer about the "Beacon" if you so desire).

3. A statement by the AFL-CIO denouncing the "Beacon" as anti-labor.

4. A letter from the Associated Press saying that the February 8 article is a phoney.

I hope this is helpful. In addition to the "Beacon" and the Forgery, the U.S. Labor Party and their IBT Official supporters are distributing an "Intelligence Report" about TDU. We have copies of this material and would like to know if it shows up in your area.

In closing, I would just like to say that the fact that our enemies are stepping up their smear campaign right now is testimony to how well we are doing. Our delegates are off and running in many cities. As a result, more people than ever know about TDU and are joining.

Keep up the good work and don't let these smears get your chapter off the track of building the rank & file movement.

Fraternally,

Rob Fram

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